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Churchill's 1940 Speeches Empire's Inspiration



THE MAN OF THE HOUR—Winston Churchill, with his son, Randolph, M.P., walks through London streets, followed by cheering, applauding Londoners.

By H. M. PETERS

The very heartbeat of an Empire fighting for freedom can be heard in Winston Churchill's speeches since he took office last May 10 as Prime Minister.

Listen:—
May 13—Announcing his cabinet to the House of Commons: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat. . . Come then, let us go forward together with our united strength."

June 4—The Belgians had surrendered. Britain saved 335,000 men from Dunkerque. (House of Commons):

"Our thankfulness at the escape of our army. . . Must not blind us to the fact that what has happened in France and Belgium is a colossal military disaster."

The same speech, proclaiming Britain's indomitable spirit:

"We shall not flag nor fail. We shall go on to the end. . . We shall defend our island whatever the cost may be."

"We shall fight on the beaches. We shall fight on the landing grounds. We shall fight in the fields and streets and in the hills. We shall never surrender, and even if, which I do not for a moment believe, this island or even a part of it is subjugated and starving, then our Empire across the seas, armed and guarded by the British fleet, will carry on the struggle until, in God's good time the new world in all its strength and might sets forth to the rescue and liberation of the old."

June 18—France had fallen. There was some demand in Britain for an inquiry into the conduct of recent governments (House of Commons):

"Of this I am quite sure, that if we open a quarrel between the past and the present we shall

find that we have lost the future."

July 14—The British fleet had attacked the French fleet at Oran. (A broadcast):

"When you have a friend and comrade at whose side you have faced tremendous struggles and your friend is smitten down by a stunning blow, it may be necessary to make sure that the weapon that has fallen from his hands shall not be added to the resources of your common enemy. But you need not bear malice because of your friend's cry of delirium and gesture of agony."

The same speech. The invasion threat had grown.

"We are fighting by ourselves alone, but we are not fighting for ourselves alone. We would rather see London laid in ruins and ashes than that it should be tamely taken and enslaved."

August 20, in the Commons, announcing the U.S. destroyer-British bases deal:

"Undoubtedly this process means that these two great organizations of the English-speaking democracies, the British Empire and the United States, will have to be somewhat mixed up together—for my part I do not view the process with any misgiving—no one can stop it. Like the Mississippi it just keeps rolling along. Let it roll. Let it roll on full flood, inexorable, irresistible, to broader lands and better days."

The same speech, on the air war:

"British airmen . . . are turning the tide . . . never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

October 8. The German air attack had been heavy:

"London, Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham may have much more to suffer, but they will arise from their ruins more healthy and, I hope, more beautiful . . . neither by material damage nor by slaughter will the people of the British Empire be turned from

their solemn, inexorable purpose."

October 21. A fireside chat to the people of France:

"The British seek only to beat the life and soul out of Hitler. . . That alone, that all the time. . . This evil man, this abortion of hatred and defeat, has resolved on nothing less than the complete wiping out of the French nation."

November 5. The submarine menace was growing (House of Commons):

"The fact that we cannot use the south and west coasts of Ireland to refuel our flotillas and aircraft . . . is a most heavy and grievous burden and one which should never have been placed upon our shoulders, broad though they may be."

The same speech, he announced completion of the bases-destroyers deal:

"No doubt Herr Hitler will not like this transference of destroyers. I have no doubt he will pay the United States back if ever he gets the chance."

November 12. Chamberlain had died (House of Commons):

"Herr Hitler protests with frantic words and gestures that he only desired peace. What do these ravings and outpourings count before the silence of Neville Chamberlain's tomb?"

November 21. At the opening of a new session of Parliament:

"We proclaim the faith and sincerity of our resolve to keep vital and active, even in the midst of our struggle for life . . . those parliamentary institutions which have served us so well and which . . . are at once our proudest assertion of British freedom and the expression of unconquerable national will."

December 19. Invasion still threatened (House of Commons):

"The watchword must be unceasing vigilance. Hitler—I should certainly deprecate any comparison between Hitler and Napoleon, I do not want to insult the dead—wields gigantic power."

The War Today

By GUY RHOADES

INTEREST

Britons today examined with keen interest an announcement the Royal Air Force soon will employ a new weapon that eventually will blast Nazi night raiders out of the sky, just as the R.A.F. made life too hot for massed-day raiders.

Meanwhile, however, the average Londoner was more concerned with a controversy raised by Sunday night's German incendiary raids in which a section of the press charged property owners with negligence in failing to post roof watchers on their buildings.

The Daily Mail and the Times led the campaign for more watchers, even if it became necessary to employ members of the home guard at this work.

GREATEST

Sunday night's fire damage in the City was the greatest since the days of the celebrated Samuel Pepys, whose heart was saddened in 1666 as he watched four-fifths of old walled London give way before the flames of the Great Fire or to the blasts of demolition squads which he organized.

The Mail said City property owners were "largely responsible for their own loss." The Times asserted "If compulsion is extended to bring every roof under observation more than half the battle against the fire raiders would be won in advance."

This probably is true. Before raids were started in London citizens were taught in newspaper articles and in ARP classes to dump sand on incendiary bombs or get them into a stout container and remove them from the proximity of inflammable materials. It was not a complicated process.

PIONEER

The Times, itself, pioneered in this educational work with an article headed: "How to Deal With an Incendiary Bomb in the Drawing-room."

It appeared likely that after Sunday's devastation, including the wrecking of many historical landmarks, the Ministry of Home Security would take a hand in the watcher problem.

This was the immediate problem, but another, more troublesome, though no less pressing, was believed soon to be solved.

CHEERING

In Ottawa, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding told newspapermen yesterday equipment is being prepared in England which officials believe will meet the menace of the night raider. Naturally he gave no hint as to the nature of the equipment, but he said it would be ready for use before long.

WEEKLY SHIPPING LOSSES REDUCED

LONDON (CP)—The Admiralty announced today 43,000 tons of merchant shipping was lost due to "enemy action" in the week ended December 22. This was approximately the same figure as for the previous week and some 20,000 under the weekly average of the war.

Eighteen ships were lost, of which 15 totaling 32,849 tons were British and three with a tonnage of 10,451 were neutral.

Naval circles commented that the lowered rate of sinkings of the past two weeks indicated counter-measures taken against submarines will succeed in reducing "materially" the effects of their attacks.

"So far," one informant commented, "the quantity of shipping destroyed by enemy raiders causes no undue alarm."

The average weekly loss during the war, excluding losses in the withdrawal from Dunkerque, was placed at 63,287 tons.

Fair and Bright Holiday Weather

New Year holiday weather will be fair and bright, with light frosts at night, according to a statement this morning from William Burton, director at the Dominion government Meteorological Observatory on Gonzales Hill.

No Times Tomorrow

January 1 will be observed as a holiday by this newspaper. The next regular edition will be published on Thursday.

Conscript Britons For Civil Defence

LONDON (CP)—Herbert Morrison, Minister of Home Security, announced tonight the government is planning to make part time civil defence work compulsory for every Briton.

Move to Defeat Incendiary Menace

Morrison made the announcement in a radio address calling on British men and women to form a "civil defence home guard" to defeat the menace of Nazi incendiary bombs by guarding property where they live or are employed, leaving the vast fire department forces free to fight the worst and most dangerous fires.

The government, he said, had

decided on "the principle of compulsion" today and details were being worked out.

The speech was made after a day of virtual quiet over Britain and after demands had arisen in many quarters for compulsory fire watchers to defeat any repetition of last Sunday night's devastating "fire raid."

The London press charged failure on the part of irresponsible property owners to take adequate precautions to meet the threat of incendiary bombs. Many fires which ruined landmarks, including ancient buildings, could have been controlled if they had been spotted soon enough, they said.

"We must quickly get to the point of organization and readi-

ness where not a single incendiary bomb, wherever it falls, has a chance to take a firm hold," Mr. Morrison said in his address.

Brigades Fight Large Fires

The regular firemen, he declared, must be left free to fight the big fires while householders should take turns during raids watching for fire bombs. Employers in shops, offices and factories likewise should heed his call, Mr. Morrison said.

"Not a single house or building in our towns must be left uncared for," he said. "Every group of houses and business premises must have its fire-watching party; every party must

guard its own group of buildings."

Meanwhile street corners, coffee shops and restaurants replaced fire-ravaged offices today as the people of the "city"—the heart of London's financial district, which was subjected Sunday night to a fierce rain of incendiary bombs—attempted to resume normal business.

Some executives held staff conferences on sidewalks. Others discussed business affairs in eating places, while their staffs waited outside for instructions.

To a man who asked directions to the bookshops of famous Paternoster Row, near St. Paul's Cathedral, a policeman replied: "There isn't any Paternoster Row."

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Explosive Nazi Editorials On Roosevelt Speech

Tension Mounts in Germany

BERLIN (AP)—The German press, with a nod of consent from the German government, released today a torrent of caustic comment on President Roosevelt's latest suggestion to give every possible American aid to Britain.

Discussion Becomes Louder Daily

With the appearance of explosive editorials on the subject there was evidence on every side of tensing emotions. But at the same time there were loud declarations that Germany would not permit herself to get unduly excited or allow herself to be "provoked."

There was a disposition to refer the whole controversy back to the "conscience of the American people." The attitude was that the United States knows how Germany feels—and that America has a chance to reflect before she is committed to a course more hostile to Germany.

Informed sources said that the press comment, for the present at

least, would constitute Hitler's reply to Mr. Roosevelt's Sunday night speech.

Before the appearance of afternoon papers, the press attitude was outlined as putting down the President's fireside talk Sunday night as "undignified in tone, weak in argument and not convincing."

In addition, it was said, the talk would be characterized as "an appeal to the lowest instincts of the American people."

The press would also use the argument the President's speech was uninteresting because "American support of England, no matter in what form it comes, cannot delay—much less prevent—Britain's defeat."

The press, at Hitler's behest, it was said, would accuse the President of taking certain of the words from Hitler's address on December 10 out of their "sociopolitical context."

The press would argue that there existed no utterance of Hit-

ler supporting the hypothesis of a desire or attempt to dominate the world. Germany, the German press had been instructed to argue, merely desired that living space which every nation of her size and culture has a right to possess.

The German press, acting on precise instructions, would further express astonishment that United States officialdom on the one hand allegedly always told the American people that Britain as an island was protected and impregnable, yet President Roosevelt "conjures up" German danger to the United States though an ocean separates the two nations.

Italians Think They See Repetitions

NEW YORK (AP)—The Rome radio in a broadcast heard here today gave a summary of Italian press reaction to President Roosevelt's aid-to-Britain speech, the

gist of which, it said, "emphasized that he is repeating himself too frequently."

Quoting the newspaper Il Messaggero, the radio said:

"To think that Germany and Italy intended to attack the United States shows such naivete as can be believed and formulated only by a man who wants to help Britain at all costs."

Referring to what it said was the United States' intention to "break the counter-blockade of the axis powers and send United States ships to Elre," Il Messaggero commented: "It is simply inadmissible that such an indisputable right as that of blockade could be changed by the decision of Washington."

"If the United States should carry through this intention," it continued, "then their ships would be exposed to serious risks. The axis powers at any rate are not willing to tolerate that obstacles be put in their way to victory, which must be total victory."

RECEPTIONS ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

The customary New Year's Day reception will be held at Government House tomorrow morning from 11 till 1.

The Officers' Mess, Gordon Head Camp, will be "at home" from 3 to 6.30.

Mayor Andrew McGavin and members of the City Council will be at home to citizens in the City Hall from 10 to 11.30.

Bishop J. C. Cody, D.D., will hold a reception from 3 to 5 at the Bishop's House, View Street.

The general officer commanding the Pacific command, and district headquarters officers and commanding officer, Pacific Naval Command, and officers of the Royal Canadian Navy, Esquimalt, will not be receiving.

Bishop H. E. Sexton and Mrs. Sexton will not hold their customary reception on New Year's Day.

Sub Attacks Tanker

NEW YORK (AP)—The British tanker Donax reported in a message picked up by Mackay Radio today that she was "being chased by a submarine," about 450 miles west of Scotland.

The vessel is an 8,036-ton craft designed to carry petroleum in bulk. She is owned by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company Limited of London.

BANK CLEARINGS UP

Bank clearings in Victoria for 1940 were \$93,191,417 which is \$3,824,555 more than the 1939 total. Victoria Clearing House officials reported today. The 1939 clearings were \$89,366,862.

Clearings for the month increased \$379,852 over December of last year. This month's clearings were \$8,017,060 while for the corresponding period in 1939 they were \$7,637,208.

B.C. Retires \$1,361,500 Loan

Retirement of a 20-year B.C. bond issue amounting to \$1,361,500 was announced today by Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance.

The issue was one put out on December 31, 1920, to the Dominion government to cover the financing of the Soldiers' Housing Scheme after the last war. Bonds bore interest at 5 per cent.

Mr. Hart said the bonds had been retired with cash.

Cancer Clinic

EDMONTON (CP)—Opening of the free diagnostic clinic here for cancer cases—on the basis of one day each week at the start—Jan. 14, was announced today by Dr. George H. Malcolmson, recently appointed director of cancer services for the Alberta government.

LATEST

Big Ben Strikes

LONDON (CP)—Ringing out the old year and ringing in the new was just the ordinary midnight job of striking 12 for Big Ben, without a single added flourish.

There was no carillon to herald the New Year because if bells peal out now it is the signal of invasion. Big Ben, like other London clocks, therefore continues only to strike the hours.

73 Resolutions

KELOWNA, B.C. (CP)—Seventy-three resolutions will be considered at the annual convention of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association which will be held here January 14-16. They are now being studied by local organizations which will instruct their delegates what stand should be taken.

Air Speed-up

TORONTO (CP)—All buildings and organization work in connection with the Commonwealth Air Training plan will be completed by September 1941, James S. Duncan, deputy Minister of Defence for Air, said here this afternoon. This will be eight months ahead of the original schedule, which called for completion of the work by the spring of 1942.

Mr. Duncan will leave by train tonight for western Canada to inspect units of the training plan.

Distressed Ship Home

A WEST COAST CANADIAN PORT (CP)—A ship previously reported in difficulties 600 miles off Cape Flattery arrived here safely today in tow of a tug which had gone to her assistance from Seattle.

The tug went to the vessel's assistance after she wirelessed she had sprung a mizzenmast. Today, however, the crew said that the ship was at no time in any danger.

HOTEL PICKETED AS YEAR ENDS

VANCOUVER (CP)—Pickets continued their patrol in front of the Hotel Vancouver this afternoon as the strike of waiters' and bus-boys went through its 9th day.

(A dispatch from Ottawa said a request from the strikers for government intervention in their dispute with the management was under consideration at the Labor Department today. Labor Minister McLarty received it in the form of a telegram from the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union. The government is asked to force the hotel to accept the award of a provincial board of arbitration recommending wage increases and union recognition.)

Recovering

EGREMONT, Alta. (CP)—Mrs. Steve Andrichow, shot through the neck by an insane farmer who police said sought revenge when he believed he was accused of killing a horse, continued to show improvement this afternoon.

The 35-year-old woman's husband was shot to death and their son, Paul, 16, was fatally wounded by Andrew Moskowsky, 35, who committed suicide soon after the shootings last Saturday.

Witnesses Active

VANCOUVER (CP)—Distribution of religious tracts printed by the banned sect, Jehovah's Witnesses, was again reported today in suburban districts.

Bardia Pounded

CAIRO (AP)—The British Middle East command announced today the Italian troops in besieged Bardia, "pounded relentlessly by artillery," continue passively to await events.

Indications still were lacking of an early move to storm the Libyan port, which has been under siege for two weeks.



After a lifetime in the air in search of thrills, including a round-the-world flight, a hop from New York to Berlin, and roughing it in the wastes of northern Alaska, Jimmie Mattern, noted flier, experienced his greatest thrill Christmas Day when he delivered a Lockheed Hudson bomber to representatives of the British Ministry of Aircraft Production in Montreal. He is shown with the plaque he gave to H. W. Thorp, representing Lord Beaverbrook. Its inscription reads: "Presented to the people of Great Britain by the employees of Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and Vega Airplane Co." It will be affixed to the plane.

Norwegians Start Year 5 Hours Early

TORONTO (CP)—The year 1941 will start at 7 p.m. today for 500 members of the Royal Norwegian army and naval air force in training at Camp Little Nor-

way here. It will start at 7 because then it will be midnight in Norway.

Capt. O. B. Engvik, officer commanding at Camp Little Norway, said today that although his men will take their part in a Canadian celebration of New Year's Eve, their first thought is of those at home.

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Eels for Italians In Canada's Camps

QUEBEC (CP)—Nazi and Italian war prisoners in Canada's internment camps are enjoying this holiday season a dish which has been denied their countrymen back home—eels from the nearby Island of Orleans, in the St. Lawrence River.

The camps have taken 50,000 pounds of the season's 600,000-pound catch, said Louis Coderre, Quebec's deputy minister of trade and commerce, while markets in Great Britain and the United States have absorbed the balance.

"For the first time in years we haven't a pound left to sell," said the deputy minister. "If we had had it, we could have marketed 150,000 pounds at the internment camps."

Before war erased them from the provinces trade lists, Germany and Italy were the major markets for the eel catch, and they paid as much as 14 cents a pound.

Italians, particularly, regard the eel as a yuletide delicacy, and a big market is found annually—about 250,000 pounds this year—among the Italian populations of New York, Chicago and Pittsburgh.

The fish went for seven cents a pound this season, a price regarded by officials as very low.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee for Medical Aid for China office, 617 Broughton Street, closed Monday, December 23, through Thursday, December 26, and Tuesday and Wednesday of following week.

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Naval Success In Adriatic Parallels Greek Gains

British Sink Italian Transport

BELGRADE (AP)—Reports received in Belgrade today said an Italian transport vessel loaded with war materials for Albania was torpedoed by a British warship in the Adriatic Sea today and went down off the Yugoslav port of Bar.

Bar (Antivari) is approximately 20 miles up the coast from the Yugoslav-Albanian border. The transport was said to have

gone down before a Yugoslav vessel could reach her. First reports made no mention of casualties.

GREEKS ADVANCING

ATHENS (AP)—Improved weather conditions are speeding up Greek advances against Italian positions in Albania, dispatches from the front said today.

Greek artillery and aviation were reported to be active, and

in the north sector a Greek bomber was said to have blown up an Italian ammunition dump and attacked troop concentrations.

The dispatches said important heights were captured in the central sector and many new prisoners taken. Greek fighter planes were reported to have shot down two Italian bombers, overtaken while returning from a raid in Greece.

The fighting in the Tepeleni, Klisura and north Chimara sectors was described as intensive. An observer at the front said the battle in the north Chimara coastal area was "one of the major battles of the war." It has been going on day and night for five days, even though a heavy snowstorm raged part of the time.

Most of the transport's crew were reported rescued, however.

Roosevelt Drafts Plans

Lease-lending Topic Of Message to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt, it was indicated at the White House today, probably will discuss in his annual message to Congress next Monday a plan for lending and leasing war equipment to Great Britain.

Stephen Early, the President's press secretary, said he did not think the President had decided whether to go into it in detail or only in a general way, leaving details for submission later. At any rate, he said, the entire proposal would go before Congress soon after the start of the session January 3.

Early discussed Mr. Roosevelt's message at a press conference. He said the chief executive had not yet started writing it and that undoubtedly he would confer with congressional leaders before he personally delivers it to a joint session of the Senate and the House.

Reporters at the conference asked Early for his views on an editorial in the Kansas City Journal-Post which suggested various committees interested in aid to the Allies for keeping America out of war disband in the interest of national unity and reform into an agency wholeheartedly behind the President.

Early replied that he hoped the idea "is contagious."

Messages of reaction to the Sunday night speech still were pouring in, Early said. He intimated that that address might tie in with the annual message.

There were some things, he said, which the chief executive could not crowd into his radio talk and ideas were left over that might "very usefully be included in the message to Congress."

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Construction Highest in Decade

\$3,453,894 Building In Greater Victoria

The busy clang of carpenter's hammers rang out the year 1940 to the tune of \$3,453,894 in Greater Victoria construction, figures compiled in the city, Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt disclosed today.

The city led the field with a construction total of \$1,736,721, more than double that of 1939. Next in line came Saanich with \$898,336, Oak Bay with third with \$673,995, and Esquimalt fourth with \$144,842.

While three hospital jobs highlighted building activity in the city, the year was definitely one for home-builders in the larger area.

SEVENTH IN CANADA

The Greater Victoria district, on the basis of today's figures, would rank seventh in Canada for construction this year, D. K. Kennedy, city building inspector, stated.

An even 800 projects, with the combined value of \$1,736,721, were started in the city, against 720 representing values of \$805,470 in 1939. Included in the current total were 185 homes, worth \$553,090, against 86 valued at \$259,330 last year.

December's totals in the city showed 12 homes worth \$43,900, among the 51 permits representing values of \$112,097. In December last year three homes were built for \$6,800 and 43 permits for work worth \$42,379 were issued.

The annual total for the city was highest since 1930 when new construction amounted to \$1,898,262.

OAK BAY UP TO 1929

"The best construction year since 1929," was the word from Oak Bay's building department, which reported 175 new homes constructed within the municipality's borders in 1940, their value near the \$650,000 mark.

There was an increase of 68 new homes this year over last year, and value of this year's dwelling construction beat 1939's figure by \$215,780.

Total number of permits issued in the municipality this year was

266 for work valued at \$673,995, including 175 dwellings valued at \$641,855. Last year 186 permits valued at \$467,751 were issued. This included 107 homes costing \$426,075.

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The busy clang of carpenter's hammers rang out the year 1940 to the tune of \$3,453,894 in Greater Victoria construction, figures compiled in the city, Saanich, Oak Bay and Esquimalt disclosed today.

The city led the field with a construction total of \$1,736,721, more than double that of 1939. Next in line came Saanich with \$898,336, Oak Bay with third with \$673,995, and Esquimalt fourth with \$144,842.

While three hospital jobs highlighted building activity in the city, the year was definitely one for home-builders in the larger area.

SEVENTH IN CANADA

The Greater Victoria district, on the basis of today's figures, would rank seventh in Canada for construction this year, D. K. Kennedy, city building inspector, stated.

An even 800 projects, with the combined value of \$1,736,721, were started in the city, against 720 representing values of \$805,470 in 1939. Included in the current total were 185 homes, worth \$553,090, against 86 valued at \$259,330 last year.

December's totals in the city showed 12 homes worth \$43,900, among the 51 permits representing values of \$112,097. In December last year three homes were built for \$6,800 and 43 permits for work worth \$42,379 were issued.

The annual total for the city was highest since 1930 when new construction amounted to \$1,898,262.

OAK BAY UP TO 1929

"The best construction year since 1929," was the word from Oak Bay's building department, which reported 175 new homes constructed within the municipality's borders in 1940, their value near the \$650,000 mark.

There was an increase of 68 new homes this year over last year, and value of this year's dwelling construction beat 1939's figure by \$215,780.

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Yes, a Happy New Year even in wartime, for 1941 brings to Canada the opportunity to fulfil the purpose for which the strength of the Dominion has been built; to use that strength in the fight for the preservation of freedom.

A Happy New Year, because 1941 brings a greater hope of victory in a righteous cause; because the end of the doctrine that "might is right" is nearer. Peace with victory will end destruction and death. Our boys will come home to their families and friends, and men the world over may once again speak, think, work and worship as they choose.

Yes, a Happy New Year, because we believe those things are before us. In the meantime, Canadians are throwing their every effort into their work, whether it is in the King's uniform, in overalls, or white collar, producing the things necessary to hasten the day of peace. Today Canada is making full use of those hidden and hitherto unused resources that God has stored up for this fight against His enemies.

Ours is a task to make us happy—happy not in the sense of pleasure-seeking, but in the realization that it is in Canada's power to make a contribution to the war effort that will turn the tide of victory in Britain's favor, happy in using the resources of our fields, factories and forests and the minerals from our mountains towards that end.

There is something else to give us cause for happiness: We in Canada have learned to live in amity with the other, despite difficulties of race and religion; and we have learned to live on the friendliest terms and in mutual trust and pride with a powerful cosmopolitan neighbor. Here is our inspiration to pass on to the rest of the world a real message of peace, based on mutual trust and helpfulness between two great nations separated by no more than an imaginary boundary line, needing no fortifications.

The year 1941 offers more to Canada than to any other nation in the world in the way of opportunity for noble and unselfish service in a splendid cause. And so one can say in all sincerity: A Happy New Year.

MAYOR ANDREW MCGAVIN

Another year of trial lies before us and the old wish, "A Happy New Year," seems rather inadequate.

The untaunted and unconquerable spirit of the people of Britain who are standing up to merciless attacks day after day by an unscrupulous enemy is an example and inspiration to all and should give us courage to face whatever may come. I can but wish we will display the same spirit of cheerfulness and optimism in the face of danger and that, in the dark days ahead, we will not fail to do everything we may be called upon to do in the same spirit of fortitude and in the same British way. May we hope that out of this war will arise a new order where greed and selfishness will have no place and where the old wishes for "happiness and prosperity" will once again sound true.

REEVE ALEX. LOCKLEY

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VICTORIA AUTHORS HEAR INDIAN LORE

In compliment to Mr. Anthony Walsh, principal of the Indian school at Inkampep, in the Okanagan, 40 members of the Vancouver Island branch of the Canadian Authors' Association attended a tea and reception given at the Empress Hotel yesterday afternoon.

Previously known in this city through his keen interest in the revival of Indian folklore, Mr. Walsh supplied an entertaining program in which he illustrated the dramatizations that have been made of Okanagan Indian legends. He enacted two nature plays, "The Partridge Mother's Lament" and "The Cricket and the Ant," and presented some aboriginal dances, including "Dance of the Four Winds" and "Eagle Dance." Mr. Walsh told of the Inkampep Indian children and his school.

Mrs. Myrtle Lane, president of the local branch of the society, introduced the guest speaker.

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\$40	\$15.56	\$31.12	\$46.68	\$62.24	\$77.80	\$93.36	\$108.92	\$124.48	\$140.04	\$155.60	\$171.16	\$186.72
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London Strengthens Defences During Lull in Air Raids

Radio Address By Minister

LONDON (CP)—Demolition crews continued today to dig through wreckage while on many sides demands arose that fire watchers be established on every London rooftop to prevent recurrence of such devastation as was carried by Sunday's German air raids.

Britain was free overnight from further attack, perhaps because of bad weather, and authorities utilized the lull to strengthen defensive resources against further fire raids.

The London press, angrily viewing destruction of monuments and buildings that represented centuries of British history, charged "irresponsible property owners" had failed to take adequate precautions to meet the threat of incendiary bombs. Many fires which caused extensive damage could have been checked had they been spotted in time, some newspapers declared.

Prime Minister Churchill spent two hours yesterday walking and climbing among the still smouldering wreckage of the "City."

He saw damage wrought to such historic sites as the Guildhall and beautiful St. Bride's Church, the "newspaperman's" church, off Fleet Street.

London fire fighters resorted to use of explosives to bring down dangerously weakened walls.

Mutter Curses As They View Ruins

Londoners walked through the streets muttering curses as they looked on the crumbled and blackened ruins of landmarks dear to all.

Unfavorable weather was believed responsible for the inactivity of the Nazi air force last night. Not a single German raider was reported over Britain from dusk to dawn and the usual morning communique of the Ministry of Air and Home Security was limited to laconic: "Nothing to report."

Authoritative sources reported the Royal Air Force—which has been engaged in almost nightly raids on Nazi "invasion ports" and other targets—also stayed home last night, presumably because of the weather.

German Claim

BERLIN (AP)—The German high command issued the following communique Tuesday:

"During the night of December 29, stronger combat units attacked London as previously announced. A large amount of bombs of all calibre were dropped on war vital objectives, primarily in the centre of the city. Many and extraordinarily big fires resulted, which were visible as far as the Channel coast."

"The air force's activity in the course of December 30 was limited to several attacks against airports and industrial objectives in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire."

"During the course of this action, several airplanes were destroyed on the ground in a low altitude raid on Mildenhall airfield."

"There was no fighting activity last night."

New Rule Effective Tomorrow

No Person to Leave Canada Without Permit

OTTAWA (CP)—New regulations under which all residents of Canada must obtain a permit from the Foreign Exchange Control Board before leaving the country will be "strictly enforced" when they come into effect January 1, according to a statement.

Permits will be necessary whether or not the resident wishes to take money out of Canada with him, the board's announcement said. Up to now no permit has been required unless the resident was carrying Canadian or foreign cash or travelers' cheques.

"Permits already issued remain valid and the new regulations do not in any way change the circumstances under which permits will be issued," the statement said.

TOURISTS NOT AFFECTED
In addition, "tourists or other nonresidents who are temporarily visiting in Canada are in no way affected by the new regulations."

Permits will not be granted for "pleasure travel" to the United States, the statement said, but "in proper cases the board will grant permits for travel for necessary health and educational purposes, attendance at conventions of recognized organizations, and in other special cases."

"No permit is needed by members of the armed forces departing for duty abroad, nor by any resident traveling direct by ship from a Canadian port to Newfoundland or a country in the sterling area without intermediate stops in countries outside the sterling area as long as they are not taking any United States funds with them."

APPLY TO BANKS
The ordinary type of travel permit may be obtained "in proper cases" on application to a Canadian bank, the statement said.

In addition to the ordinary form of travel permit, special permits have been instituted to meet situations in border areas and in other special circumstances.

B.C. Lumber Figures In \$25,000,000 Project

By NORMAN MACLEOD

OTTAWA—British Columbia's lumbering industry will play a prominent role in a \$25,000,000 federal housing project during the coming year, informed circles on Parliament Hill are currently predicting.

The Dominion government, it is expected, will be compelled by the pressure of wartime circumstances to erect from 10,000 to 20,000 homes for industrial workers in areas where lack of family living accommodation is interfering seriously with production.

The type of dwelling that is under official study, it is authoritatively stated, is a prefabricated, demountable type of house of frame construction, for which British Columbia woods are declared to be particularly suited.

\$2,000 HOMES
The particular design of worker's home with which experiments are being made, officials intimate, can be erected for less than \$2,000, equipped with all modern comforts and amenities.

Its advantage from the standpoint of a wartime emergency lies in the fact that, when the present situation is over, it can be dismantled and made to yield high returns as salvage.

Federal officials emphasize that no decision on an industrial housing policy has been reached by the government as yet. They indicate, however, that it cannot be long delayed. Already in many towns throughout the Dominion where factories have been expanded to take care of war needs, workers have refused to remain at the new machines, allegedly, on the grounds that they cannot secure local accommodation for their families.

An even more acute problem is declared to exist in certain isolated communities in which the government has located explosive or other war industries.

**HOUSING EXPERTS
AT WORK**
Recognizing the probability that it will have to take action in the situation, the government already has had its housing experts at work studying the problem.

Particular attention is said to have been given to the experiment which the authorities at Washington have been carrying out for some time with prefabricated houses. These dwellings allegedly have the advantage of low initial cost combined with comfort, of utilizing resources which can be secured largely without conflict with the nation's general war effort, and of realizing a high salvage return when the need for them is ended.

The Washington experiment with prefabricated workers' homes, carried out in conjunction with several of the large engineering projects that the United States government has been carrying out in several parts of the republic, is said to have been highly successful. It has been satisfactory, it is stated, to workers and government alike.

The number of houses that the Canadian authorities will have to erect during the coming year is estimated in informed federal circles at not less than 10,000, with 20,000 the probable maximum. The total expenditure is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$25,000,000.

AS WAR MEASURE
An early cabinet decision in the matter is expected, as the situation, although not yet acute, is regarded as being definitely and irrevocably in the making. The program will be carried out, it is indicated, under the authority of the War Measures Act, which will be invoked to make the necessary funds available.

The field is one into which the federal authorities, for obvious reasons, are not anxious to rush in headlong. Parliament Hill officials have their hands full administering the war, without taking on the added burden of becoming landlords on a national scale. For this reason the housing program is unlikely to be adopted on any general scale, but will be confined to specific areas in which housing conditions are held to be responsible for either scarcity or high turnover of labor.

of Japanese silk as a retaliatory measure against Japanese acts considered detrimental to American interests in the Far East. No such action is believed imminent.

During the first 10 months of 1940 Japan purchased American goods valued at \$191,413,000, buying heavily in iron and steel, scrap metal and other vitally needed supplies which now require export licenses before they can be shipped to Japan.

SHIPPING GOLD
With sales to the United States insufficient to meet this bill, Japan shipped gold valued at \$86,291,000 during the first 10 months of the year, and is continuing to make monthly shipments.

When Japanese-Chinese war started in July, 1937, the Bank of Japan reported its gold reserve at \$463,000,000. Since that time Japan has shipped gold worth \$675,000,000 here, but still claims a reserve of \$164,000,000.

Japan has not disclosed its annual gold production since 1937, when it was estimated at \$60,000,000 yearly.

Metallurgist Dies
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Col. Franklin Batchelder Richards, 78, widely-known metallurgist, died yesterday at his home after a short illness.

He recently was awarded the medal of honor of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers for 50 years of service to the industry.

Pegged Butter Draws Protests

By the Canadian Press

Provincial government officials in several of Canada's butter-producing areas have voiced criticism of the action of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board in pegging the wholesale price of butter solids at prices prevailing last December 12. In some instances the criticism was accompanied by suggestions offered on behalf of the producers.

Hon. H. C. Nixon, acting Premier of Ontario, said "there could be nothing more discouraging to agriculture, particularly in Ontario." Earlier yesterday, Agriculture Minister P. M. Dewar termed the federal price regulation policy as "stupid and damnable."

Mr. Nixon said the one effect of the price-pegging order would be to discourage dairy production.

SUMMER PRICES
In Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister Taggart said that "if the action is accompanied by the fixing of a minimum price during the months of May to September inclusive then it may be acceptable to the producers. Otherwise it will bear every resemblance of discrimination against the producers."

Hon. D. B. MacMillan, Alberta Minister of Agriculture, said "the arbitrary fixing at levels that discourage production may have a serious effect on Canada's war effort and arouse discontent among producers who already see farm labor flocking to industry where the wages are more attractive."

STUDY ORDER
Meanwhile, the Ontario Creamery Association in an all-day session in Toronto studied the pegging order, and announced the board would be asked by the association to apply the new ruling to butter in boxes and tubs and to allow competition in "print" prices.

Nova Scotia protested officially yesterday, in a statement from Hon. John A. McDonald, provincial Agriculture Minister, to Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Federal Agriculture Minister. Mr. McDonald said in the protest that unless a policy of reducing the cost of western feed grains to eastern farmers was put into effect that situation would become "desperate."

He intimated the butter price-pegging would be acceptable if a parallel action was followed in reducing the price of western feed.

D. N. McIntyre of Meadows, Man., president of the Manitoba Dairy Association, said he believed the government was attempting to penalize butter producers in order to stimulate the manufacture of Canadian cheese. He said a fairer alternative would be for the board to fix a reasonable price for butter and then, if necessary, bonus cheese.

Scrap Metal Drive
OTTAWA (CP)—A Dominion-wide salvage campaign, expected to yield more than \$1,000,000 worth of scrap metal, will be launched early in the new year, according to the Ottawa Journal.

The paper said that since domestic production of steel was below wartime requirements, it was anticipated a drive for steel scrap would be one of the primary considerations of the campaign.

Holly can be shatter-proofed, horticulturists say, if cut branches are dipped or sprayed with a very weak solution of naphthalene acetic acid.

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Labor Prepared For Sacrifices

OTTAWA (CP)—Organized labor is prepared to make "temporary sacrifices" for the sake of Canada's war effort, but will guard "zealously" against exploitation, Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, said today.

"Labor seeks a place of equality in the councils of the nation and a full opportunity to contribute from its knowledge and experience to the success of the war effort," Mr. Moore said in a New Year's message to the Canadian people.

"Labor does resent, however, its effort being made abortive by blindness or lack of understanding on the part of those at the top in government or in industry."

Contributions by Canadian labor unions to war loans were proof of labor's support of the war effort, Mr. Moore said, another evidence of labor's willingness to co-operate was the drastic reduction in the number of strikes throughout Canada, as reflected in figures released by the Department of Labor.

Canadian workers were guided by the "valiant and courageous example" of "the trade union movement in Great Britain."

Looking ahead to 1941, Mr. Moore said Canada could face the New Year with "faith, hope and confidence; faith in the justice of the cause we are fighting—hope that the happiness we all so sincerely desire will yet be ours—and confidence in our ability to secure victory over our enemies."

"It is only by united effort that our future can be brightened and our security assured," he added.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY—Wednesday, January 1—Wednesday service, with 11.15 p.m. replacing 9.15 p.m. from Victoria.
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VICTORIA-WEST SAANICH
NEW YEAR'S DAY—Wednesday, January 1—Sunday service, with 11.15 p.m. replacing 10.15 p.m. from Victoria.
KEATING-OLD WEST ROAD—No service January 1.

VICTORIA-SOOKE-JORDAN RIVER
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NEW YEAR'S DAY—Wednesday, January 1—Lv. Victoria 9.30 p.m. only.

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SENATOR WHEELER URGES PEACE PLAN

WASHINGTON (AP)—Asserting the idea of a Nazi invasion of North America as "fantastic," Senator Burton Wheeler answered President Roosevelt's plea for greater aid to Britain with a call for immediate peace in Europe before, he claimed, the United States becomes involved in "the insanity" of war.

As a "working basis for a just peace," the Montana democrat, a noted isolationist, suggested eight points:

1. Restoration of Germany's 1914 boundaries, with an autonomous Poland and Czechoslovakia.
 2. Restoration of an independent France, Holland, Norway, Belgium and Denmark.
 3. Restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France.
 4. Restoration of German colonies.
 5. Protection of all racial and religious minorities in all countries.
 6. Internationalization of the Suez Canal.
 7. No indemnities or reparations.
 8. Arms limitation.
- Wheeler, long one of the Senate's most severe critics of the Roosevelt foreign policy, made his remarks last night in a broadcast speech in the national radio forum of the Washington Evening Star.

THE WEATHER

VICTORIA 5 a.m. today—Pressure appears low off the Queen Charlotte Islands and is relatively high in the Far North. The weather has become somewhat colder throughout British Columbia while over the interior of this province light snowfalls have occurred. It remains moderately cold in the prairie provinces.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.99; temperature, max. 40, min. 36; wind, 8 miles W.; precip., 15; clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, max. 40, min. 32; wind, 5 miles E; precip., 15; clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.95; temperature, max. 34, min. 28; calm; fair.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.97; temperature, max. 56, min. 35; wind, 3 miles S.W.; clear.

Seattle—42; Portland—42; San Francisco—56; Honolulu—80; Prince George—24; Kelowna—36; Penticton—34; Vernon—36; Nelson—36; Grand Forks—24; Kaslo—36; Calgary—20; Edmonton—10; Prince Albert—17; Regina—16; Winnipeg—31; Toronto—36; St. John's—35; Halifax—35.

Japan Strained To Get Materials

WASHINGTON (AP)—Japan faces increasingly severe difficulties in purchasing vitally needed raw materials and supplies abroad in 1941, according to a survey of its financial status after the strain of 41 months of war in China.

Japanese purchasing power in the United States, the survey indicates, already has been restricted to about \$200,000,000 annually—a sum which represents most of the money derived from sale of Japanese goods and their newly-mined gold.

Extent of future Japanese buying in the United States will depend, trade experts here believe, on the volume of Japanese-made goods sold to the American market and, also on the extent Japan is able to increase its gold production.

UNBALANCE
Commerce department figures for the first 10 months of 1940 show imports from Japan amounted to \$122,667,000, a slight decrease from the \$121,312,000 worth of silk and other products purchased by Americans in the equivalent period in 1939.

From time to time proposals have been made that the United States embargo, the importation

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Into 1941

DESPITE ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED in the meantime, the redrawing of boundaries and the tragedies by which the process has been carried out, what we wrote here 12 months ago can be repeated without substantial departure from the truth. We contended that if we could welcome the dawn of another year without war we might feel disposed to expand ourselves in an unblushing admission that we in Canada had a great deal for which to be thankful. Will it be seriously denied today that we are immeasurably enriched by the awakening to which we have been so violently subjected—now that we have dispensed with our Magnot Line mentality, now that we are resigned to a clearer vision of the new future which beckons to our Canadianism as it has never been beckoned to before, now that we are confronted with stark realism against which platitudes collapse? We do not think so. True, our mental outlook is undergoing a revolution that will demand an entirely new perspective from which to view it and understand it, a perspective that only the passage of time and the march of events will bequeath to us. But this is what we needed; it is what the whole British Commonwealth needed to shake it out of its complacency; it is what the intangible but potent thing we call democracy needed. Its first phase has removed some of the fog from the far-off horizon we are now almost frantically trying to bring within focus.

Let us not console ourselves with the thought that we intended to conduct a voluntary introspective survey, come what might, that we had begun to realize our evolutionary processes were due for an overhaul if they were to continue at a progressive rate. It has taken a great—but fortunately retrievable—calamity to bring us to our senses and to shed a bright white light on our shortcomings. Nor will there be any disposition at this late stage to quarrel with the immensity of those shortcomings. Rather will their very nature provide us with the courage to examine them in all their startling unloveliness. It is not a unique reflection on our own people or their intelligence that signs and portents which had manifested themselves clearly to some of our leaders of public thought had not impressed a larger number. What is true of this country was true of Great Britain and other members of the Commonwealth; it was true of France, and it has now become pointedly evident to the people of the United States. The democracy of this day is imperilled; the democracy of the future demands that the menace be laid for all time.

This does not presuppose that the defeat of totalitarianism includes the complete subjection of that state of mind which has weakened the democratic principle in practice. Only when gangster governments have been removed, when everything on which dictatorships thrive shall have been torn up by the roots and utterly destroyed, will the stage be in readiness for the continuation of the revolution of which the war now in progress has produced but the prelude. So when we repeat that on the eve of a New Year, Canadians have much for which to be thankful, much that must of necessity strengthen their belief in liberty of speech, liberty of thought, and liberty to worship as they will, we are merely expressing the hope that in 1941 they—and, of course, all British peoples wherever they may be—will not lose sight of the fact that the spiritual and economic revolt which has now begun will furnish them with an incentive to help to shape their destiny as a free and united people without reproach.

Reform in Mexico

REVOLUTIONS ARE NOT ALL MADE with bombs and barricades. Any sudden reform that gets down to changing the basic nature of a system may be called revolutionary. On that basis, Mexico has had a revolution since Avila Camacho assumed the presidency on December 1. Not the predicted Almazanist revolution, but another scarcely less basic than that might have been. President Camacho has announced that individual land titles are to be given as soon as possible to the 1,500,000 peasants living on the 15,000 communal farms of the republic.

The deep significance of this is only seen against the background of Mexican revolutions and of The Revolution (of 1910). Landless peons have been the curse of Mexico since the conquistadores. Reformers, radicals, revolutionaries, all have marched to a battle-cry of "Land and Liberty!" The land-hunger of the landless has been the central fact of Mexican politics for decades. Zapata, Villa, Obregon—the whole procession of revolutionary leaders all promised land for the landless. Until the Cardenas regime little was done about it. Then expropriation of millions of acres became a reality. But there were always two views within the revolution as to how to handle the land after it had been taken from the big landlords. One was that it should be owned and worked by communities (ejidos).

That was the Cardenist view. That was what Cardenas brought about. But the other view was that individual peasants should have their "mule and 40 acres." There is a wide difference of opinion as to the success of the ejidos under Cardenas. One is that the communities are as badly in pawn to the government bank as they ever were to the landlords, while production fell because "what was everybody's business was nobody's business." The other is that the ejidos have been successful.

Whichever may be correct, the new President has apparently decided to reverse this communal current and try the plan of "the other half of the revolution" by parceling land among individual peasants. The step is to be gradual, with communal operation continued for the present, but it is regarded as a forerunner to the end of the ejido system and a return to individual tillage. It is not easy to appreciate in Canada how really revolutionary this step is. It is certain to cause the most violent controversy. Radicals will regard it as a betrayal of the revolution. Their opponents will argue it is a step toward real freedom, individualism, opportunity. How it will work, no one can certainly say, but within 30 days of his own inauguration, President Avila Camacho has taken a step almost as revolutionary as the Revolution itself.

Far From Convincing

SENATOR BURTON K. WHEELER'S radio reply to President Roosevelt's epochal pronouncement of Sunday may have produced hope in the breasts of the "appealing" elements in the United States, those who seem to think there still may be a way of finding an equitable method of negotiating a just and honorable peace with Hitler and his crowd. But if messages of approval of the chief executive's point of view have reached the White House to the tune of 100 to 1, the spokesman from Montana will be very much like a voice crying in the wilderness. If there was nothing basically new in Mr. Roosevelt's argument in favor of more aid to Britain as a means of effective United States defence, or in his specific arraignment of Hitler as the principal offender against the world of free men, and his arresting mental picture of the dangers confronting 130,000,000 Americans, Senator Wheeler's repetition of the isolationist argument, in the light of recent developments, robbed it of what virtue it might previously have possessed. His implied contention that Adolf Hitler would listen to reason, that he could be persuaded to a virtual restitution of the status quo ante September, 1939, was akin to a suggestion that a tiger would not be in the least bit angry if a large chunk of raw meat were to be dangled before his gaping jaws for half an hour and then neatly placed completely beyond his reach while he appeased his own hunger in a manner with which jungle folk are quite unfamiliar. In the meantime, however, the President no doubt feels confirmed in his own judgment that the measures for more aid to the defenders of democracy he now proposes to recommend to Congress will meet with general approval—the anticipated aggressive opposition from Senator Wheeler and like-minded legislators notwithstanding.

A Fine Series

CANADA'S "LET'S FACE THE FACTS" series ended with the address on Sunday evening by Alexander Woolcott, the eminent United States dramatic critic and playwright, and a brief epilogue by G. H. Lash, Canada's able Director of Information, who has been responsible for bringing to the Canadian radio network a galaxy of public men and women of international repute and influence. These weekly broadcasts have been of an exceedingly high order and no apology need be offered because those who have participated in them were invited to the microphone to dispense their profound understanding of the realities of these times, the menace which gangster governments constitute to those who treasure their freedom and all it connotes, or because of their belief in the cause which Britain, Greece, China and other free peoples are defending with everything they have and are. It was no small task which Mr. Lash undertook when he drew up the program that brought the living voice of so many distinguished men and women to Canadian firesides. He is entitled to the warmest congratulations for a job well done.

A COUNTRY EDITOR ON 'BARGAIN HUNTING'

Bargain hunting has become a vice. People once addicted, never escape the nefarious pastime. Like a pattern it runs through the whole set-up of western business. Back 50 years ago, some man, God only knows where, must have praised some woman for bringing home a dollar's worth of calico when she only paid 50 cents for it. He said she was smart. She liked it. She went back to the butcher down. Once she felt the fascination of praise and possession, she spread it across this fair hemisphere like an itch. It touched everyone. Rich and poor alike got so imbued with the idea of bargaining, they shortened their vision to the stew pot and the sewing machine. The men around must have kept up the praise. The business leaders, who should have known that any practice that robs the laborer of his hire, is bound to fail in the end, slipped too. They have been tobogganing ever since, and now they are piling up at the bottom.

In order to cure the bargain hunting disease, business resorted to sweatshop encouragement, cut-throat competition, shorter values, camouflage, red tape, and has had itself beset with inspectors, regulators, government interferences until there is not much legitimate business done on the absolute merits of the transaction and the service it renders.

Bruce Hutchison

OYSTER STEWS

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR most people are regretting what they put into their stomachs lately. Nobody seems to regret what he has put into his mind. This, I suppose, is natural. If the world had considered its mind half as much as its stomach in the last thousand years or so, we would not be now in our present plight. We might even be civilized. But in history the stomach has always come ahead of the mind.

Thus I have no doubt that most people have a pretty clear gastronomic memory of 1940. They remember various dishes that pleased their stomachs and can recollect individual meals. To me, indeed, the chief memory of the year is a certain oyster stew. That stew will fix 1940 forever in my memory as a notable year, though I suppose there were other developments of interest in this period.

In a moment of depression, however, I have tried to remember what I have put into my mind. I find it extremely difficult to recollect a thing. I have lain awake in my bed at night trying to remember what ideas I have swallowed, but always that oyster stew, swallowed in the bar of the Grand Central Station, bulks larger in my thoughts. A parade of fat oysters invariably blots out all my ideas.

By a powerful effort of the will, I have remembered the names of a few books that I have read, perhaps 25 in the year. That is a pretty bad record, for a man should absorb at least a book a week and retain it. I have absorbed hardly two a month and am bound to confess now that I have retained practically nothing, except some smattering of Chinese philosophy from Mr. Ling Yutang, who holds that the stomach is more important than the mind anyway and seems to be the supreme prophet of the oyster stew.

WORLD MIND

I DARE SAY that my mind is less retentive than most. Other men doubtless have improved their minds vastly in the last 12 months. But it would be more interesting if we could take a census of the world at large and note what has happened to the general mind of humanity. How much has it improved? How much more sense has the world today than it had a year ago? Undoubtedly some nations have progressed. The British people have progressed amazingly, not alone in courage and virtue, but in a social sense. They have learned more about themselves in this last 12 months than in the preceding 12 years.

Of this there is evidence from the highest to the lowest. It comes not only from labor leaders who assert that Britain can never go back to its prewar state of society, but from Mr. Churchill, a true-blue Tory who knows that the defeat of Germany will not be enough, and who tells the boys of his school that there must be a better deal for everyone when the war is over. The British people have learned this year. I think perhaps the Canadian people have learned also, but not much. Only dimly do we realize that we are living in a revolution which the British people have fully sensed. Most of those who sense it here are little better off than their neighbors, because they imagine that it is some kind of a private revolution, conceived by destiny on precisely the lines of their own particular evangel.

Socialists are quite confident that it is purely socialistic revolution. Social Creditors write letters to the papers to prove that it is a monetary revolution, and that Major Douglas will shortly descend to earth in a cloud of fire, with Mr. Abernethy on his right hand. But the ordinary Canadian is still living, at the end of this revolutionary year, in the dim belief that when the war is over we shall get back to normal. The ordinary Canadian is like me. He remembers only the oyster stew.

Unquestionably a world of oyster stews would be a better world to live in. My own particular revolution, which I am busy fostering by dangerous subversive activities, contemplates a world built in general around the principle of the oyster stew; that is to say, around the principle that it is better to eat than think. I find no difficulty in securing converts to this notion, but I am afraid it won't work. I am afraid that in 1941 we shall have to think whether we like it or not. My advice, therefore, to my followers is that New Year's Eve may well be the last stew they can afford and they had better enjoy it.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

We do not know the ordained rule of things. Why every season different changes bring. Or why there must be war and bitter strife To mar the beauty of our earthly life.

But, whether home or on a foreign shore, Midst peaceful scenes or near the battle's roar.

We must unite—nor leave a thing undone—To end this war with the benighted Hun.

Then, when the blessed dawn of peace appears, To guard and keep it through the coming years;

We ask this peace, Lord, now the New Year starts, In simple faith from humble, contrite hearts.

SIDNEY CHILD.

These are times that try men's souls—Thomas Paine, Crisis in 1776.

Parallel Thoughts

The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.—Isaiah 24:5.

The certainty of punishment, even more than its severity, is the preventive of crime.—Tryon Edwards.

To Our Many Customers and Friends
A Happy New Year
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TRANSFIGURATION

By Walter Lippmann

For five tremendous months men like ourselves, men who speak our language, have proved to the wonder and the awe of mankind that a great people which is greatly led can be greatly transfigured—that it can rise to deeds which will confound those who have no faith and will astound those who have no vision.

We are doubly in their debt—first and most obviously because they hold the line behind which we can in security make ourselves invulnerable; and second, and even more significantly, we are in their debt because they have proved that when a people is noble and not base, stout-hearted and not mean, it has conquered the only enemy which can destroy a free people; it has mastered the fears, the confusions, the petty calculation and the small corrupting selfishness which destroy the souls of men.

HITLER WILL LIKE THIS!

From Brockville Recorder and Times

A certain well-known New York hotel has a good way of making known its war sympathies, even in enemy countries. Quite a number of letters addressed to Germany are posted there and to each one of them the management affixes a sticker, obtained from Canada, bearing the legend, "There'll Always Be An England!"

WHISKY'S VOYAGE CONTINUES

From the New Yorker

For many years it has been the practice of the blenders of a certain Scotch whisky to ship their malt whiskies (which constitute 85 per cent of the finished product) in the hold of ships sailing around the world. Stored in old sherry hogsheads—these cargoes leave Scotland on a voyage that crosses the equator twice and covers 30,000 miles before they arrive back in Glasgow. And today, with Britain still mistress of the seas, the firm advises that this long voyaging still continues—down the west coast of Africa, across the equator and around the Cape of Good Hope, through the Indian Ocean, to Australia and around Cape Horn slowly back to the home port of Glasgow.

NO MORE SHRAPNEL SHELLS

From Manchester Guardian

For those who like to see eras nicely rounded off it may be matter for regret that shrapnel is to be used no longer in the British army, for two years more of it would have brought us to the centenary of the death of the inventor (General Shrapnel), who was born at Bradford-on-Avon, in Wiltshire, in 1761, and began in 1784 the experiments which led to the discovery which has kept his name alive. It was in invasion year of 1803 that shrapnel was recommended for adoption in the British army, and it is in another invasion year that it is to be discarded, though the chances are that the name will survive among laymen. Rather in the same way "Maxim" was for a time a generic word for all kinds of machine guns and people called all airships Zeppelins. "Colt" did service for a variety of revolvers apart from that correctly associated with the inventor's name. However, things named after their inventors or manufacturers disappear at last and follow into past history once famous names such as Gatling and Lee-Enfield and Snider and Martini-Henry and a host of others. War is wasteful of inventions as of other things.

Better English

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "From whence did it come?"

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "caffeine" (stimulant found in coffee)?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Occurrence, occultist, occultist.

4. What does the word "incentive" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "at" that means "act of rubbing together"?

Answers
1. Omit from. Whence means what place. 2. Pronounce kaf-ee-n, as in at, e as in me, i as in in, accent first syllable. 3. Occultist. 4. That which incites to determination or action; motive. "Every great life is an incentive to all other lives."—Curtis. 5. Attrition.

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GETS NAVY CROSS—For heroic action when his ship, the City of Flint, was captured by a German pocket battleship last year, Capt. Joseph Gainard (left) receives the Navy Cross from Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox at Washington, D.C.

Kipling Society Honors Author

Tribute to the work of Rudyard Kipling was paid on the evening of the anniversary of the author's birthday last night by 60 members and guests of the Kipling Society.

The celebration which took place at Spencer's, opened with a banquet, after which a program of toasts, songs, recitations and readings was presented. The banquet and program lasted for nearly four hours.

A. E. G. Cornwall, president of the society, acted as master of ceremonies. Toast to the King was proposed by Mr. Cornwall.

The president opened the program of entertainment with a resume of the society's history. It was started in May, 1933, when 10 people, keenly interested in the works of Kipling gathered to discuss his poems and stories. Meetings were held monthly and every year since a banquet and entertainment was held on the author's birthday.

Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons of the Provincial Police was the main speaker of the evening, and proposed a toast to the "Memory of Kipling."

Rudyard Kipling was not gone, Commissioner Parsons said. While his works were available he lived in the hearts of those who read.

There were three sets of writings which worked out a complete way of life. They were the Bible, the writings of Shakespeare and the works of Kipling. "If you have the understanding of those three sources of information you will find the right way of life," the speaker said.

Readings from the works of Kipling, including "Pink Dominions," and "Eddy's Song," were given by K. C. Symons. Mr. Cornwall gave the recitations, "The Galley Slave," "Sons of Martha," "The Glory of the Garden."

A toast to "The Fighting Forces," was proposed by Col. H. L. Goodland and replied to by Major J. B. Hordinge, M.C. Col. Goodland said that in Kipling's time, soldiers were looked upon in an impersonal way. That attitude changed during the South African War when citizen soldiers fought side by side with the professional soldier. The fighting forces today were composed of the flower of youth

in which the old soldier had the proudest confidence.

K. W. Symons gave two vocal solos, Kipling's "Recessional," and a toast to Kipling to the tune of "There'll Always be an England." He was accompanied by P. Hughes.

The program closed with a 25-minute reading of Kipling's last published story, "Teems—a Treasure Hunter," by James McGrath.

Industrial Marks Tumble in U.S.

By FRANK MACMILLAN
NEW YORK (AP)—United States industrial and business records topped like tenpins in 1940 as Mars bowled the war ball.

Behind his arm was the might of a \$7,000,000,000 arms drive by United States and the steady push of embattled Britain for machines of war.

Here are some of the year's record-breaking achievements: Steel production reached 66,500,000 tons. The previous top was 1919's 61,432,000 tons.

Manufacturers of machine tools, the machines that makes the machines of war, turned out \$400,000,000 of lathes, drill presses and the like. The best previous was the \$200,000,000 of 1939.

Airplane makers, with fabulous orders on their books, managed to turn out \$625,000,000 worth of goods, nearly three times the previous record of \$225,000,000 in 1939.

The electric power necessary to spin the wheels of busy factories rose to 142,000,000,000 of kilowatt hours. The previous peak, the year before, was 127,000,000,000.

Cotton, and its younger cousin, rayon, industrial as well as clothing fabrics, were consumed at a greater rate than in any year in the history of the country.

With automobile sales near the 1929 peak and with more cars and trucks on the roads than ever before, gasoline consumption and crude oil production rose to historic highs.

America in 1940 bought or produced more radio sets, aluminum, oil burners, coal stokers, cigarettes, paper, manufactured foods, dairy products, electrical appliances and printed matter than ever before.

More goods of all kinds were turned out in 1940 for each man, woman and child in the United States than was achieved even in the golden era of the late '20's.

BIG 1940 GAINS IN SOME STOCKS

TORONTO—Highlights on the Toronto market for 1941 included the rise in B.C. Pulp and Paper 6s, up 11 points plus 12 points interest arrears paid, or a total of 23 points. The 7s were up 42 points from 68 to 110. Canada Machinery Preferred in October 1939, sold at 22, and was called in by the company at \$100 a gain of \$78 per share.

A. J. Pattison's survey shows some issues which were expected to rise in price have gone down, and some that attracted little notice have moved up. For instance, Acme Farmers Preferred was 17½ last year. Now it is 30.

Indian National a year ago, was 35, and there were many reasons to believe it would go higher, yet today the stock is quoted at 28. Barrymore—Cloth Preferred gained nine points, while Burns and Co. A, which in wartime had every prospect of showing a substantial appreciation, is now \$3.50, down four points from last year's close. Canadian Industries B Common, another wartime issue expected to show a good gain, is today 205, down 31 points from last year's price of 236.

Canadian Locomotive 6s gained 11 points. Canadian Westinghouse, which last year was selling at 53, and expected to go higher, is now 45. Dominion Woolens 6s moved up from 81 to 96, a gain of 15 points, and Eastern Dairies 6s gained 20 points, rising from 65 to 85. Gurney Foundry 5½s made the same gain, from 48 to 68. Standard Fuel Preferred is now selling at 62½, up 5½ points. Toronto Carpet Common doubled in price from 20 to 40. Traders Finance A Preferred gained 12 points. There was considerable shrinkage in the higher-priced Insurance Stocks. Canada Life was down 70 points on the bid, Great West Life down 30, Imperial Life down 15 and Sun Life down 65, while Dominion of Canada General Insurance, Guarantee Co. of N.A. and Manufacturers Life remained about the same. Theatre shares were generally lower, and Investment Trust issues held about the same prices as last year.

The strength of the curious backbone of the West African shrew lies in its semi-cylindrical interlocking segments.

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With the Forces

Raw Recruits' Bible

TORONTO (CP)—Written for the rookie soldier, a pocket-size book, first published 15 years ago, is playing a powerful but unheralded part in Canada's war effort. The book, "From Corporal to Field Officer," answers a thousand questions that might stump the rawest recruit and in everyday language tells him what to do, when and how to do it.

Thousands of the younger commissioned officers and N.C.O.'s in the infantry look on the book as their military Bible.

Lieut.-Col. R. J. S. Langford, chief instructor at the Canadian Officers' Training Corps in Toronto, is the author. He wrote the book while commandant at the Royal School of Infantry and Machine Gun Training, eastern Canada.

A graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Col. Langford was commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Regiment when he retired in 1934. Three months after war broke out he was called out of retirement and placed in his present post. He brought his book with him, revising it and bringing it up to date.

All a Mistake

TORONTO (CP)—It's bad enough to break your neck, but it's adding insult to injury when you're classed as a deserter from your military unit because of it.

Private Fred Pexton, 50, of Oakville, Ont., tells the story. He manages to keep cheerful in Christie Street Military Hospital here, even though a plaster cast covers most of his body and holds his head rigidly in one position.

Attached to a Toronto unit, Pexton was to be sent as a cook to a compulsory military training centre. But he missed out on the advance party and that night got leave to go to his Oakville home.

Next morning when he went to go downstairs he slipped and tumbled the entire flight, breaking his neck. His left arm was partially paralyzed but is getting back to normal now.

His doctor sent a message to the Toronto Armories, telling of his injury, but it was mislaid in transit. The result was he was marked "absent without leave." Later he became a "deserter" because, under army regulations, a man is classed thus after being absent without leave for 21 days.

Seven weeks went by while he lay in hospital here and then he learned he had "deserted" from his regiment. Whereupon he told hospital officials and the matter was speedily rectified.

Canadian Band Popular in England

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND (CP)—Led by Sergt. Stan Sheddian of Edmonton, a swing band of an Alberta regiment is putting on smash-hit, swing-time programs at dances for Canadian and British troops, and is establishing itself as the favorite Canadian band overseas.

At one military dance recently more than 2,000 persons, most of them members of the fighting forces with their partners, applauded the Sheddian music long and loud. The servicemen liked to see boys in battle dress on the orchestra stand.

Corpl. Geoffrey Van Stockum of Calgary rates No. 1 man of the band, playing the tenor saxophone and clarinet. Pte. Freddie Hodson plays the alto sax and clarinet, Pte. George (Red) Nicol and Pte. Joe Taylor the trumpet, Pte. Charlie (Scotty) Burns the drums. Pte. Joe Rocks does the vocals. All are from Edmonton. Sergt. Sheddian is the pianist.

Capt. Nicholson Promoted to Major

Recent army promotions announced from Ottawa include that of Capt. George Nicholson, M.C. of the 2nd Battalion, Canadian Scottish, to the rank of major. Major Nicholson served overseas in the last war with the 67th Western Scots and later with the 54th Kootenay Battalion, retiring with the rank of major, but to get back into this war could not wait for a vacancy in the higher rank so accepted a captaincy to command a company in the Scottish.

He has spent the past 21 years at remote points along the west coast of Vancouver Island, mostly in the fishing and fisheries patrol service and he probably has a more intimate knowledge of the bays, inlets and beaches of that coast than anyone else, besides knowing intimately every resident, including the Indians and Japanese. The major was post-master and mining recorder of the goldmining town of Zeballos when he enlisted, the respective governments, Dominion and provincial, having granted him leave of absence for the duration.

Prior to 1914 Major Nicholson was prominently associated with local sport, for two years being secretary of the Victoria Rugby Football Union and two years

president of the Victoria branch of the B.C. Amateur Athletic Union.



ALAN HURST

Alan McLean Hurst, newly-appointed War Services Secretary, will carry the Y.M.C.A. program to the R.C.A.F. stations up the B.C. coast.

Since 1927 Mr. Hurst has been principal of the Revelstoke High School, and has been a tower of strength with the Railroad "Y" at that point. For four years he was president of North Kootenay district of the Teachers' Federation.

Mr. Hurst went overseas as a sergeant-major of the Western Universities' Battalion and to France in 1917 as a private with the Seventh Battalion.

He is a charter member of the University of B.C., from which he graduated in 1922 with first-class honors in philosophy. He was president of the first freshman class of U.B.C. at the time of his enlistment in 1916.

Wound Kills Sailor

George R. Bishop, 20, Royal Canadian Navy wireless operator, died in a Vancouver hospital early today shortly after he had been found in his father's home with a bullet wound in the head. A .22 calibre rifle lay beside him.

Bishop was on leave from the naval base at Esquimalt, and planned to return next Monday.

In the Navy Now

Jack Rutan, lawyer, and Ron Burns, provincial government statistician, wanted to join the navy early this year. Their applications were filed until called up.

When no call came by late summer, they joined the army and since have been swatting up three nights a week and week-ends in NCO's and officers' artillery courses. Week ago they were notified they had passed and were being given their rank. The very next mail brought a call from the navy. Sacrificing the rank they have gained in the army, they have asked for and been granted their discharges to become members of the first naval class of 1941.

Philip Thomas, 19-year-old Victoria-born son of Dr. M. W. Thomas, now organizing secretary of the B.C. Medical Association, started short-wave radioing as a hobby when he was going to Sir James Douglas School. With sets he built he talked nightly all around the world, gaining a reputation for ingenuity and enterprise. This week he is crossing the Atlantic on his way to England. The air force has enlisted him for overseas radio work.

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First 1941 Naval Class

Twenty-five Victoria boys with sea-water experience have been called up by the Navy and examined. Ten are being placed in the first naval college class, starting their course immediately after New Year's. Others to make up 100 are being chosen from other centres across Canada.

Captain John Adam, a native Victorian, held the CBC airwaves for almost an hour on Christmas afternoon as he broadcast Yuletide greetings from Canadian soldiers in the Old Country to wives and relations in the Dominion, from the London studio of the BBC.

Captain Adam, who is well known in this city through his position as school teacher at Sir James Douglas and George Jay Schools, went to England last August with the Canadian forces. He was heard on the "Sandy MacPherson" program, and is scheduled to speak on that same show, when he will bring similar New Year greetings to relations of Canadian soldiers overseas.

Canadian Soldiers In War Rehearsal

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND (CP)—Under the critical eyes of more than 30 per cent of the officers of the 2nd Canadian division, sappers of the divisional engineers laid heavy pontoon and boat bridges across 200 feet of water and then slapped down a



May the
BELLS that RING a
WELCOME to 1941
BEAR a MESSAGE
of GREATER
HAPPINESS and
PROSPERITY
for ALL

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Life Insurance Bulwark in War

TORONTO—Not only does life insurance enter upon the New Year as Canada's greatest single contributor to national war loans, but its 3,500,000 and more policy owners continue to express their confidence in it as a bulwark of



NEWTON J. LANDER

individual and national security. In emphasizing these facts, Newton J. Lander, president of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers' Association and managing director of the Continental Life Insurance Company, expressed satisfaction today at the splendid position maintained by life insurance in Canada under all the exigencies and demands of the greatest war in history.

While contributing in due measure to war finance, life insurance in Canada during the past 12 months has returned to its policyholders an estimated \$165,000,000, of which some \$47,000,000 only was paid in death claims, Mr. Lander announced. The balance went to living policyholders for matured endowments, annuity and disability claims and dividends. Were it not for the savings represented by life insurance, the danger of many people becoming burdens upon the state would be greatly increased, he stated. Thus the payments constitute a contribution to public welfare which continues to run well in excess of the total paid by federal, provincial and municipal governments for unemployment and other relief.

"Despite 12 months of war and the increasing pressure of taxation upon people in all walks of life," continued Mr. Lander, "life insurance in force in all companies operating in Canada—Dominion, provincial and fraternal organizations—reached a new high of over \$7,000,000,000; and

total sales of new insurance in 1940—life, group and industrial—were only a fraction of 1 per cent under those for the preceding 12 months and totaled, on a conservative estimate, well over \$600,000,000.

BASIS OF SECURITY

"As in 1914-18, so now, life insurance stands foursquare against all the winds that blow and in these days, when so much is heard of home defence, it is well to remember that, economically speaking, life insurance continues, as in the past, to be the basis of financial security for millions of Canadian men and women. I can give no more sincere advice to our millions of policyholders than to urge them to hold fast to their life insurance," said Mr. Lander.

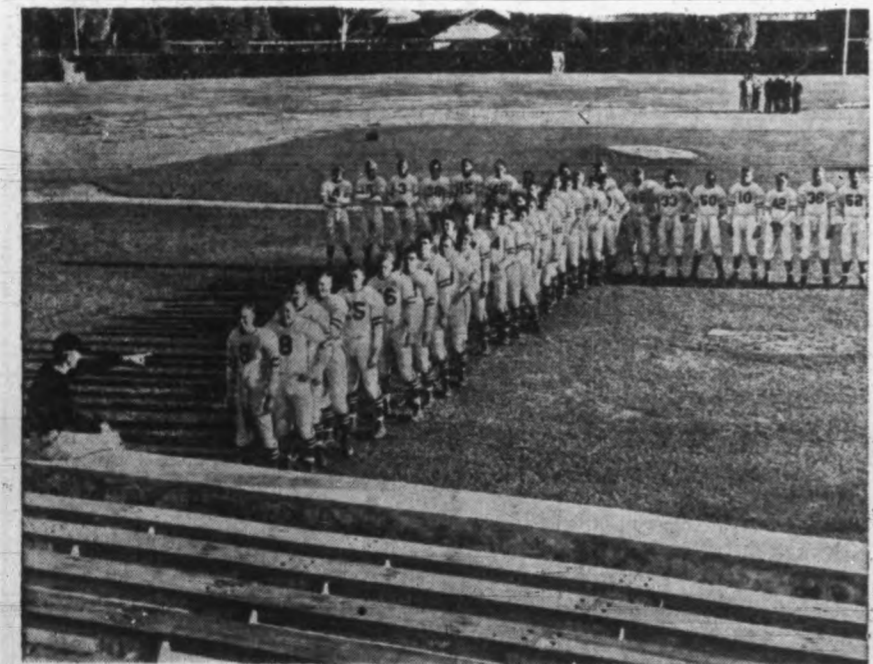
"The Canadian Life Insurance Officers' Association represents practically every life insurance company—Canadian, British and American—doing business in Canada and the co-operation throughout the Dominion of individual members of the company staffs at head and branch offices represents a great contribution to a vital part of government financing. A large share of the success of launching and continuing the nationwide sale of War Savings Certificates must be credited to the voluntary efforts of life insurance men. They have given unstintingly of their time, especially in the development of the Employer-employee Co-operative War Savings Plan.

"The very ownership of life insurance is an indication of the thrift which it is only fit and proper should be urged upon all Canadian citizens on the home front at this time and I am confident that policyholders will continue in the contribution to war effort which is represented by the virtue of thrift. They will, I am sure, increase their holdings in savings certificates as well as take care of their income tax obligations, and maintain their insurance protection in full force in the new year. The eight months' payment plan, offered by the Dominion government, will, it is hoped, enable Canadian citizens to meet their income tax payments from current income, without drawing upon resources already set aside for the protection of their families and for provision for their own old age."

24 Deaths in Calgary

CALGARY (CP)—Twenty-four persons met violent deaths in Calgary during 1940, according to a survey of accident reports made today. Nine persons, died in traffic fatalities, two in railway accidents, five in falls, two when caught in moving machinery, one in an explosion, four by poisoning and one by shooting.

Jugoslavia has 6,327 miles of railways.



STANFORD GRIDDERS PREPARE FOR TOMORROW—Clark Shaughnessy, left, drills his Stanford University squad in a little formation T-party at Pasadena for the University of Nebraska eleven which they meet in the Rose Bowl, January 1. It is the feature sport event of the day and will be carried on radio networks.

SPENCER'S

January SHOE Clearance



DRESS SHOES! STREET SHOES!

**REDUCED FROM OUR REGULAR STOCK!
ON SALE ON FIRST FLOOR**

"ARCH GRIP" AND "VOGUE" SHOES in a selection of seasonable styles. Black, brown and blue shades in fine quality leathers. Sizes and widths are not complete, but there is a really worthwhile selection from which to choose in almost all sizes. Regular price \$8.95. **JANUARY SALE \$5.95**

POPULAR STYLED AFTERNOON AND STREET SHOES—This season's stock shown in a wide assortment of styles, suitable for present and spring wear. Regular values to \$7.50. **JANUARY SALE \$4.95**

WALKING SHOES—For city or country wear. Fashioned from excellent-grade calfskin with leather Cuban heels. Very comfortable fittings. Black and brown. Regular values to \$7.50. **JANUARY SALE \$4.95**

—Shoes, First Floor

JANUARY SALE OF

WOMEN'S BLOUSES \$1.00

Regular \$1.98 values. To clear, each

Silk Crepe Blouses styled with short sleeves and various tailored necklines. White and eggshell. Some slightly shopsoiled. Sizes 34 to 38.

TRIPLE SHEER BLOUSES \$1.00

Regular \$1.98. To clear, each

Dainty little Suit Blouses with smart necklines and novelty fronts. A choice of wearable shades.

NO EXCHANGES, PLEASE

—Blouses, First Floor

Clearance Values In GIRLS' WEAR

WINTER COATS

20 Only—For Girls 14 to 16 Years

Smart Coats for the junior miss. Styled from quality fabrics and fur trimmed. A choice of wine, green, blue and mauve shades. Former values to \$16.98. Now offered at

HALF PRICE AND LESS!

GIRLS' RAINCOATS—Fleece-lined Leatherette Coats with matching helmet. Broken sizes from 2 to 14. Regular \$4.98 value, to clear at **\$2.00**

GIRLS' PRINT DRESSES—Excellent grade washing cottons in smart styles. Broken sizes only. Values to \$2.98. To clear at **\$1.00**

SPORTS COATS for girls 12 to 20 years. A clearance of odd lines in plaids, tweeds and plain shades. Various colorings and styles. Values to \$4.98. To clear at **\$2.98**

—Children's Wear, First Floor

CLEARANCE OF SMART NECKWEAR

**ON SALE AT
HALF PRICE**

Slightly shopsoiled pieces taken from our regular stocks and grouped to clear at just exactly half price. Round necklines and revers shown in Swiss lace and embroidered pique.

—Neckwear, First Floor

FLOWERS

Only a few of each type and some slightly shopsoiled—but all most attractive artificial flowers and useful for many purposes.

**Offered to Clear at
HALF PRICE**

—Neckwear, First Floor

JANUARY SALES

Commence Thursday, January 2

OUR ANNUAL CLEARANCE OF Dresses and Coats

For Women and Misses

**CONTINUES THURSDAY IN THE
MANTLE DEPARTMENT**

**EVERY GARMENT REDUCED
INCLUDING THE FRENCH ROOM STOCK
Of Exclusive Models**

Fashions for Afternoon and Evening

—First Floor



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Two Wonderful Styles... Both With the 1941 Spring Silhouette

AVERAGE MODEL—Styled with lace top and lastique back and finished with zipper closing. Very smart and well fitting.

MODEL FOR FIGURES WITH FULL HIPS—Also with lastique back and matching cloth front... invisibly reinforced. Two style garments that have everything... offered at a real sale price. Sizes 32 to 42.

—Corsets, First Floor

JANUARY CLEARANCE OF SILKS

FINE TEXTURED FABRICS, PRICED FOR
CLEARANCE THURSDAY

PRINTED BEMBERG CREPES in a range of smart designs and color combinations. Best quality Bemberg Crepes, pure dye and crease resisting; 38 inches wide. Regular \$1.39 a yard. Sale price **79c**

METAL CREPES in dark shades, metal effects. Suitable for jackets or dinner gowns. A perfect draping silk of uncrushable texture; 38 inches wide. Regular \$1.98 a yard. Sale price **\$1.39**

ALL-SILK FLAT CREPE—Pure silk and a range of attractive shades. Ideal for slips, lingerie and blouses; 38 inches wide. Regular \$1.39 a yard. Sale price **79c**

TWEEDSMOOR CREPES—A crease-resisting spun rayon fabric, has the appearance and feels like wool. A range of this season's favorite shades; 38 inches wide. Regular 98c a yard. Sale price **75c**

PURE SILK CREPES—Rich-looking pure Silk Crepe with a rich finish. Suitable for dresses. A perfect-draping, crease-resisting fabric; 38 inches wide. Regular \$1.98 a yard. Sale price **\$1.50**

PURE SILK SATINS—A rich French satin in beautiful shades; 36 inches wide. Regular \$2.95 a yard. Sale price **\$2.29**

BLACK VELVETEEN, 36 inches wide. Suitable for shorts, drapes, etc. Sale price **79c**

PRINTED VELVETEEN in neat and very smart designs and colorings. Very suitable for kimono, etc.; 36 inches wide. Regular \$1.00 a yard. Sale price **59c**

—Silks, Main Floor

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Clearance Sale of ALL WINTER Millinery

AT FOUR PRICES ONLY

**\$4.00 \$3.00
\$2.00 \$1.00**

No Approvals or Returns, Please

—Millinery, First Floor

CLEARANCE OF

"MARTHA" DRESSES \$1.29

Sale Price

A Dress with the "Martha Washington" label is surely a bargain at this low price, and these are smart styles, too, in coat effect or slim lines. Odds and ends of various patterns and colors grouped at one price to clear quickly. Sizes collectively 14 to 48.

—Whitewear, First Floor

WOMEN'S and FLANNELETTE GOWNS TO CLEAR \$1.00

A sale of odd lines representing several styles and colors—mostly small sizes. All excellent grade flannelette and well made. No exchanges, please.

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WOMEN'S AND MISSES' SNUGGIES

(Vests and Panties) AT REDUCED PRICES

ALL WOOL SNUGGIES

—Broken sizes only, shown in pink and white. Various knits. Regular \$1.00. Special, a garment, **50c**

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COTTON KNIT SNUGGIES

—Oddments of various styles in a fine soft knit cotton fabric. Pink and white. Regular 39c. Special, a garment, **25c**

—Ladies' Underwear, First Floor

Sale of Wools

CLEARING LINES OF WOOL—Pearline, Monobram and Katkin. Suitable for sweaters, dresses and children's garments. Not all shades of each kind but a good range in all. Values to 30c an ounce. Sale price **2 ozs. 25c**



PATONA AND TWEED WOOL of a slightly heavier grade. Suitable for men's and women's outdoor sweaters. A range of attractive colors. Regular 30c a skein. Sale price **2 skeins 39c**

—Wools, First Floor

LACE FLOUNCING

36-inch Flouncing, suitable for afternoon dresses, blouses, etc. Shown in brown, green, red, grey, wine and navy. For clearance, a yard **50c**

—Trimmings, Main Floor

NEEDLEWORK SPECIALS

JANUARY SALE VALUES

LUNCH CLOTHS—36 inches square, stamped on cream linen in novelty and floral designs. Attractive patterns; easy to embroider. Values to \$1.50. Special **69c**

CHESTERFIELD SETS—Stamped on ecru linen in floral designs. Bold patterns to be worked in colored wools or heavy silk. Special, a set **49c**

ODDMENTS OF NEEDLEWORK—Including satin cushions, radio mats, table scarfs, aprons and other useful pieces. Special, each **29c**

—Art Needlework, First Floor

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JANUARY SALES



COMMENCE THURSDAY, JANUARY 2



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Good-quality, wear-resisting tweeds, all smartly tailored, single and double-breasted styles with sport-back coat. Blue, grey, brown and green shades. Pants full cut with belt loops and cuff bottoms. Sizes 31 to 37.

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In sizes 23 to 27, of first-class wool coatings. Very smart for smaller boys. Grey, brown, blue and Donegals. Sale price

\$6.95

BOYS' TRENCH COATS of navy and brown paramatta cloth; also **RAIN-COATS** of fleece-lined black rubber and Oilskin Coats. Broken sizes only, 22 to 36. On sale, each **\$2.95**

—Boys' Store, Government Street



**BOYS' WINDBREAKERS AND SWEATERS
AT JANUARY SALE PRICES**

WINDBREAKERS of a fine grade woolen material in two-tone shades, navy and blue and navy and red. Also a few in plain fleece cloth. All with full-length zipper and two pockets. Sizes 24 to 36. **\$2.95**

BOYS' PULLOVER SWEATERS—All wool and an assortment of colors. Blue, grey, maroon, heather shades, etc. Mostly V neck style; some with short zipper. Sizes 24 to 34. **\$1.29**

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—Boys' Store, Government Street

BOYS' SHIRTS of plain grey and plaid flannelette. Also broadcloth shirts in plain and fancy patterns. Sizes 11 to 14½. **69c**

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Weddings

HADLAND—BRUCE

At a double-ring ceremony performed at St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church, Esquimalt, on Christmas Eve, at 7.15, Rev. W. C. Western, D.D., united in marriage Miss Beatrice L. Bruce of Calgary, daughter of Mr. Thos. J. Bruce of Prince Albert, Sask., and Staff-Serg. R.H.W. (Bob) Hadland, R.C.A.S.C. superintendent clerk D.S. and T. office at headquarters, M.D. 13, Calgary, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hadland of 987 Wollaston Street, Esquimalt.

Mr. Cecil F. Boulter played the bridal chorus from "Lohengrin" as the bride entered the church with Wm. Blevin, R.C.N., who gave her in marriage. She wore an attractive woolen ensemble in cornflower blue, with small vanity hat to match, and black accessories and a corsage bouquet of roses and gardenias. She was attended by Miss Grace Cook as bridesmaid, wearing a navy blue crepe afternoon frock with aquamarine trimming, a small dark blue hat and black accessories, and a corsage bouquet of spectrum carnations, and violets. The bridegroom, who was in uniform, was supported by Serg. R. McVie, 17th Searchlight Coy., R.C.A.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's parents, the rooms being effectively arranged with Christmas decorations and flowers. Mrs. Hadland received the guests in a gown of emerald green silk crepe, with wide-brimmed hat of black velvet, and a corsage bouquet of talismans roses.

The bride's table was centred with the two-tier wedding cake, topped with a candied white lace fountain filled with white and silver flowers. The cake was flanked by tall opal glass vases of silvered twigs and white silk flowers, and vases of pampas grass, and some of the silver and china from the wedding of the groom's parents enhanced the table appointments.

Capt. George White P.P.C.I. and Mrs. White of Lethbridge, Alta., and Lt. Commander G. Chalmers were among the guests. The young couple received many handsome wedding gifts from friends far and near. After a honeymoon on Vancouver Island and in Vancouver they will be "at home" at Connaught Apartments, Calgary, after January 5.

Orphans to Visit Doll's House Friday

The doll's house which took Col. L. E. Broome seven years to construct will be visited on Friday afternoon by the children of the Protestant Orphanage. This event has been made possible by the usual kindly thought of Mrs. Hamber, who expressed delight and appreciation on the occasion of her recent visit.

Owing to the continued success of the exhibit, it will remain open at 1205 Government Street for a further period, giving an opportunity to people of all ages to see this masterpiece of handicraft. The exhibition is open daily and all admission proceeds will be used for the benefit of the Red Cross air-raid victims fund.

Matron Goes East

GANGES—Matron of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital for the past five years, Miss Margaret Ross, has left for the Okanagan Valley, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. L. Pemeut. The position has been taken by Miss Birle Evans, recently on the staff of the Alert Bay hospital.

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WED CHRISTMAS EVE—Staff-Serg. R. H. W. Hadland, R.C.A.S.C., and his bride, the former Beatrice E. Bruce of Calgary, with their attendants, Serg. R. McVie and Miss Grace Cook.

Social and Personal

Mrs. E. T. Ethier who spent the week-end visiting relatives in Vancouver returned on Monday to her home at Langford.

Mrs. James Crathew of Comox is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pilgrim, Island Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott, from Port Alberni, are spending a few days in Victoria visiting their respective parents over the holidays.

Miss Margaret Gray of Vancouver is spending a vacation at the home of Mrs. H. A. Hincks, Langford.

Mrs. Cunningham of Ioco and her daughter, Joan, are spending a few days with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. Shildrick, View Royal.

Mrs. R. A. LeFargais, St. Patrick Street, left this afternoon for Vancouver to spend the New Year there as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Van Roggen.

Corporal and Mrs. Hagyard (nee Dorothy Brothers) have returned to their home in Vancouver after spending the Christmas holidays with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hawkes and their little son, Billy, have returned to Vancouver after visiting relatives and friends here over the holiday.

Mrs. A. Sandy, Menzies Street, left this morning for Comox to spend New Year's holiday with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sandy.

Mrs. F. Thompson, who recently returned from Shanghai to make her home in Victoria, is spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. A. B. Cartwright, at Fernwood, N. Salt Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Young of Vancouver, who came over to Victoria for the Emerson-Young wedding yesterday evening, are staying with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Young, Fernwood Road.

Mr. Bob Driscoll arrived yesterday from Vancouver to join his wife and remain here until after the New Year holidays. They are staying with Mr. Driscoll's mother, Mrs. M. F. Driscoll, York Place, Oak Bay.

Major and Mrs. H. Cuthbert Holmes entertained at an after-party at their home on Newport Avenue yesterday afternoon in honor of their son, Gentleman Cadet Desmond Holmes, B.S.M., who is here from the Royal Military College, Kingston.

Mrs. D. O. Lewis of Vancouver and her daughters, the Misses Gwyneth and Margaret Lewis, returned to the mainland this afternoon after spending Christmas with Mrs. Lewis' sister, Miss Hall, the Uplands. Mr. Lewis, who was also here for Christmas, returned home earlier in the week.

Miss Ruth Horton, who came from Wellesley, Massachusetts, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell B. Horton, Shasta Place, will leave Thursday for Seattle en route to Wellesley to resume her studies at Pine Manor College. She will be accompanied as far as Seattle by her grandmother, Mrs. L. G. Horton, who has been visiting her son and daughter-in-law here.

Honoring Miss Martha Armstrong, whose marriage to Mr. David Dutcher of Los Angeles will take place in the new year, Miss Barbara Hutcheon entertained on Sunday at the tea hour at the home of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Forbes on Pinewood Avenue. Upon her arrival, the bride-to-be was presented with a corsage of yellow roses by Miss Marnie Hutcheon, who also presented Mrs. Armstrong, the mother of the bride-to-be, with a corsage of carnations and heather. Miss Martha Armstrong received, with the good wishes of the many guests who attended, a gift of blankets, which was presented by Miss Lu Ann Armstrong, sister of the bride.

Miss Buntie Sloan, York Place, went over to Vancouver to spend a few days as the guest of Mrs. Brenton Brown and to attend the dance at the Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Peers, who arrived here yesterday to make their home, were guests of honor when Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Urquhart entertained the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Vancouver at the tea hour Sunday.

Hon. K. C. MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald, Rockland Avenue, have staying as their guests, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Rowland of Penticton, and their little daughter, Marcia. Mr. Rowland, who is publisher of the Penticton Herald, will leave for home tomorrow while Mrs. Rowland and Marcia will remain with Mrs. Rowland's parents until the middle of January.

Miss Joyce Waters entertained at a delightfully appointed tea yesterday afternoon at the home of her parents, Cranmore Road. Mrs. P. T. Waters assisted her daughter in receiving the guests, and Mrs. George Robertson presided at the tea table, which was centred with a silver bowl of mauve chrysanthemums. Those invited included the Misses Audrey Robertson, Vervan Yarrow, Annabelle Godfrey, Jacqueline O'Connell, "Minkie" Ford, Frances Harrison, Maeford Wilson, Joan McKinnon, Grace Campbell, Joyce Henry, Hazel Mark, Peggy Sparks, Patsy Scurrah, Marjorie Butters, Muriel Rawlinson, Bobbie Murray, Betty Cornwall, Donna Mooney, Marnie Johns, Catherine Angus, Sheila Francis, Betty Denniston, and Betty Eagles.

About 400 guests, including men of the three services, danced with holiday enthusiasm at the gala party arranged by the Y.W.C.A. at the Shrine auditorium last night at the final of the 1940 series of dances for the forces. Len Acres and his five-piece orchestra played the dance music, and there were prizes for spot dances, lucky couples and a "quiz" dance. The ballroom was decorated with flags and greenery, and in the lower halls and the supper room, similar decorations made an effective setting. The supper arrangements, in charge of Mrs. W. H. Molson and Miss Sara Spencer, included a number of "extras" which were much appreciated by the guests, who were seated at long, attractively decorated tables. Just before supper, hats and favors, serpentine and crackers were distributed by Mrs. Richard Felton and her committee. Mrs. Ross Crane headed the committee in charge of the general arrangements for the dance.

Miss Brenda Smith and Miss Beth Elwood were joint hostesses last evening at a miscellaneous shower held at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith, Hollywood Crescent, in compliment to Miss Martha Armstrong, who is to be married shortly. The many lovely gifts were presented from an illuminated and decorated Christmas tree, and Mrs. A. Elwood and Miss Ruth Armstrong presided at the supper table, which was centred with a Christmas motif. The guests included Misses Denise and Ursula Pottinger, Winnifred Moorhouse, Enid Browne, Betty Millins, Joan Gill, Nancy and Hilda Kyle, Betty Girdwood, Jean Sinclair, Betty Ann McCarter, June McDonald, Frances Nickerson, Peggy Reid, Vivian Temple, Helen Dixon, Hazel Hutchinson, Freda Green, Peggy Lowe, Gwenie May Elwood, Lu Ann Armstrong, Eileen White, Marjorie and Alberta Williams, Joyce Dalziel, Agnes Proudfoot, Orlean Patterson, Winsome and Barbara Smith.

Mrs. Frank Stead, president of the Provincial Chapter of British Columbia, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, will speak over the CBC on New Year's Day between 2.15 and 2.30 p.m. on "The Work of the Order."

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To attract people to the Indian bazaars great quantities of silk stockings from Japan have been dumped down and sold without profit to attract custom. The Japanese makers have been flattered enough to copy the trade marks of the real English article; in one case they reproduce not only a winged wheel but the name of the English manufacturer, altering a single letter, to which this mark belongs.

Britain is preparing for the pirates not in India only but elsewhere. South Africa is one other important market; Malaya a third. These and others will be intensively cultivated during the coming year with a new range of 11 shades, among them Dimple, Freckle, Heather, Mystical, Pin-tail, Shellac and Twilight.

Duchess to Montreal

Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg will arrive in Montreal early in the new year, joining the government-in-exile of the little duchy that has been functioning there under Prime Minister Pierre Dupong since early in November.

Prince Felix of Luxembourg, husband of the Grand Duchess, and their six children will make up the Royal party. They have been living at St. Henri de Mascouche, Que., for the last two months.

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two of the five members of her cabinet close at hand. Justice Minister Victor Badson has been assisting the prime minister in forming the provisional government here.

Two other members of the cabinet—Foreign Minister Joseph Bech and minister of labor Peter Krier—are in London, acting as the link between the government of the Duchy and Great Britain.

Christ Church Cathedral sewing circle will not meet this week, but will resume meetings again next week, as usual.

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Blind Entertained At Christmas Tea Party

Seldom has "There'll Always Be An England" been sung with more fervor than at the Shrine auditorium yesterday afternoon by the 80 or so blind guests who were gathered for the annual Christmas tea given by the local auxiliary of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. And it was followed by a moving little plea by one of the blind guests, Mr. Crocker, for prayers "for our friends in England at this time."

HOLIDAY GAIETY

But this was almost the only serious note in an afternoon of unalloyed merriment as the blind guests and their escorts entered heartily into the program and sang carols and songs and partook of a bountiful repast replete with mince pies, sandwiches, cakes and ice cream. Tea was served from prettily decorated tables, and the Christmas decorations of the hall enhanced the holiday atmosphere.

In the absence, through illness, of the president, Mrs. T. A. Rickard, the vice-president, Miss Ruth Jones, welcomed the guests, read Mrs. Rickard's message of greetings and good wishes, and introduced Alderman W. H. Davies, Victoria representative of the National Institute for the Blind. He, in turn, read a telegram from M. C. Robinson, Vancouver, head of the Institute for the Blind of British Columbia, extending the season's greetings, and also thanked the Ladies Auxiliary in Victoria for its continued thoughtfulness and practical helpfulness.

Miss Dorothy Stark, blindcraft teacher, also spoke briefly, attesting to the continued generosity of the B.C. Electric Railway Company and the Vancouver Island Coach Lines in furnishing members with free passes on the company's conveyances for the coming year. Mr. Crocker, one of the blind guests, in expressing the appreciation of the blind for the hospitality tendered them, spoke with regret of Mrs. Rickard's absence and that of Capt. M. C. Robinson of Vancouver, western superintendent of the institute, and asked that greetings and good wishes be conveyed to them. Miss Constance Brown, supervisor of the social welfare department of the institute, Vancouver, was a special guest.

BLIND CHOIR

The informal program included carols and choruses led by the blind choir under the direction of Mrs. Humphrey Melish, with Mrs. Robson at the piano, and with music by J. Lavery's "one-man band" to help the swing of it. Much laughter was caused by the monologues by Charles Hornsby, one of the guests with gifts as a comedian, who was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Robson.

Mrs. T. L. Thorpe-Douglas convened the tea, assisted by Mesdames W. H. Molson, J. Bridgman, C. F. Armstrong, Fitzherbert Bullen, F. E. Winslow, A. K. Mitchell, D. J. Angus, J. Macdonell, R. H. Palmer, P. Saxton White and Pringle.

The monthly meeting of Camosun Chapter, I.O.D.E., will be held on Friday at 2.30 in the headquarters.

Weddings

SMALL-PETTINGELL

At Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday evening at 7.30, Very Rev. S. H. Elliott, Dean of Columbia, united in marriage Jewel P., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Pettingell, 427 Powell Street, and Mr. Harry Wallace Small, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Small, 3329 Tenth Avenue W., Vancouver. Mr. Stanley Bulley played the wedding music.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a colonial gown of ice-blue slipper satin, with sweetheart neckline, and long full train, tiny sprigs of forget-me-nots being imposed on the full skirt and catching the sleeves below the elbow. A veil of tulle fell from a halo of orange blossom to the end of the train, and she carried a bouquet of pink roses and gardenias.

Miss Muriel Ayrault, maid of honor, and Miss Patricia Small, sister of the bridegroom, as bridesmaids, wore similar floor-length frocks of pink georgette with shirred jackets, and Juliet caps and carried cascade bouquets of pink snapdragons and bouvardia. Little Carol Ann Graham, niece of the bride, was flower girl in a princess frock of apricot moire, who wore a gold cap and carried a colonial pony. Mr. Robert Rutledge, Alaska, was best man and Mr. Kenneth Corby was usher.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. McLeod, 1675 Hampshire Road. Mrs. Pettingell, in a burnt chiffon dress embroidered with red flowers, a black velvet hat and a corsage bouquet of red roses, received with Mrs. Small in a blue ensemble, and the bridegroom's aunt, Mrs. E. R. Blain, in a silver embroidered black satin gown, with hat en suite. Both wore corsage bouquets of pink carnations and gardenias.

The young couple stood in a bower of palms, with baskets of white and gold chrysanthemums, to receive the good wishes of their friends. The supper table, on which stood the wedding cake, was centred with freesia, heather, sweet peas, roses and forget-me-nots, and white tapers in silver candelabra.

Following a honeymoon on the mainland, Mr. and Mrs. Small will make their home in Victoria. The bride went away in a navy blue shirred dress with a black trim-trimmed coat and mink hat.

Out-of-town guests included the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Small; Mr. and Mrs. H. Ormiston with Masters Benny and Orion Ormiston, Vancouver; Mr. John Rutledge, Mr. Robert Rutledge, Miss Ruth Damer, and Miss Jorine Smith, Alaska, and Miss Rhoda McGary, aunt of the bridegroom, from Honolulu.

WEBB-SMITH

At the Oak Bay United Church on Saturday evening, Rev. F. R. Dredge read the marriage service for Gertrude Cecelia, daughter of Mr. J. Maurice Smith of Kamloops, and the late Mrs. Smith, to Petty Officer Percy Edward Webb, R.C.N.R., son of Mr. P. H. Webb of Campbell River, and the late Mrs. Winifred Fowler of Victoria. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore her mother's wedding gown of ivory satin, the bodice embroidered in seed pearls and inset with lace at the waist, the skirt extending to a train. Her fingertip veil hung from a halo of orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations and chrysanthemums.

Miss Adela Smith was her sister's bridesmaid, wearing a pretty frock of pale pink net, with a halo of pink net and white flowers in her hair, and carried a Colonial bouquet of pink and

white carnations and violets in her pink-mittened hands. Chief Petty Officer James Layfield, R.C.N.R., was best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mrs. F. Dymont, 16 Government Street. The rooms were attractively arranged with flowers, and the supper table was centred with the wedding cake, with silver vases of white carnations and four white tapers in silver candlesticks. Mrs. T. Walker, sister of the hostess, poured tea.

P.O. and Mrs. Webb will reside at 1151 May Street.

EMERSON-YOUNG

At a pretty ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Young, 2541 Fernwood Road, last evening, their only daughter, Lillian, became the bride of Mr. George Clifford Emerson, second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Emerson, Bradner, B.C.

Rev. Hugh A. McLeod officiated, and the ceremony was performed against a background of standard baskets of white chrysanthemums. The wedding marches were played by Mrs. Fred Morrison, and as the register was being signed, Mrs. C. H. Tait, Courtenay, sang "When a Merry Maid Marries," from "The Gondoliers."

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and wore an afternoon frock of nutria silk crepe with three-quarter-length sleeves, a brown velvet turban and a corsage bouquet of Talisman roses. Attending her was Miss Mia Schjelderup, Courtenay, in a midnight blue frock and hat en suite, with a corsage spray of yellow roses and violets, and Mr. Nahdin Young, brother of the bride, was best man.

Mrs. Young welcomed the guests in a teal blue dress, assisted by Mrs. Emerson in dark blue, and both wore corsage bouquets of Opheleia rosebuds. The supper table was covered with a lace cloth and decorated with vases of pink carnations and crystal candelabra holding pink tapers, and centred with the cake.

For a honeymoon on the mainland the bride wore a blue tweed coat with a wolf collar. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson will make their home on Duke Street.

PEARSON-SPENCER

In the little Y.M.C.A. chapel at Macaulay Point this afternoon, Capt. the Rev. Alan Munro, Presbyterian chaplain to the forces, solemnized the marriage of Dorothy Enid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Spencer of London, England, to John Drummond Pearson, R.C.A., of Trail, B.C. The Christmas decorations made an effective background for the ceremony.

Given in marriage by Mr. W. G. Hamilton, a family friend, the bride looked charming in an afternoon frock of teal blue crepe, with halo hat of nigger brown felt and matching accessories, and a corsage bouquet of pink roses.

Miss Edna Lawrence of Pioneer, B.C., was the bridesmaid, wearing a pretty afternoon frock of dusty pink crepe, with black hat and accessories, and a corsage bouquet of a single green orchid. Gunner Lester Rees, R.C.A., was groomsmen.

After the ceremony the bridal party and a few intimate friends returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hamilton, where the bride cut the wedding cake to the honoring of the customary toasts. Later they will attend a dinner party at the Hotel Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson will take up residence in their new home at 515 Rithet Street.

POOLE-FINLAY

The marriage took place at noon Monday in the Church of St. Francis-in-the-Woods, Caulfield, of Doreen, daughter of Mr. and



REMARriage ON ANNIVERSARY—Film Comedian Joe E. Brown and his wife celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in Hollywood by being remarried at the St. Thomas Church, with their children as attendants. Above, left to right, back row, Joe L. Brown, Joe E. Brown and Mrs. Brown, Don Brown. Front row, Mrs. Joe L. Brown, Kathryn Francis Brown, and Mary Elizabeth Brown.

Mrs. G. M. Finlay of Powell River, to Lieut. Robert Hope Poole, 5th Canadian Motorcycle Corps, son of Major and Mrs. E. Poole of Victoria. Rev. G. Biddell was the officiating clergyman.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr. Reginald Chapman and Mr. Peter Poole was best man. Miss Joy Chapman attended the bride. Lieut. and Mrs. Poole later left on their wedding trip to Harrison Hot Springs. They will reside in Victoria.

Pianoforte Recital

A pianoforte recital was given last Saturday evening at the Victoria Truth Centre by a large number of the pupils of Miss Eva Vowles. In keeping with the festive season, Christmas music added greatly to the pleasure of the evening and the opening duet, colorfully rendered by Sidney Biggs and Trevor Jones, set a standard which continued throughout the entire program. The junior pupils, many of whom made their musical debut, were enthusiastically received by the large audience, while many of the intermediate and senior pupils showed remarkable progress.

Pianoforte duets were played by Elaine Pendray, Betty Curly, Harold Pendray, John Pendray, Trevor Jones, Sidney Biggs, Robert Creech, Richard Creech and Marie Vowles, violin. Little Joyce Main, who attracted the audience by her dainty and descriptive pianoforte solo, presented Miss Vowles with a handsome present and bouquet of flowers on behalf of all her pupils.

Those taking part in the recital were: Merna Jenkins, Jocelyn Young, Geraldine Heard, Robert Creech, Joyce Main, Betty Curly, Elaine Pendray, Joy Davies, Gerald Main, Dorothy Vowles, Shirley Ellis, Marion Vowles, Eileen Hunt, Harold Pendray, John Pendray, Marie Vowles, Joyce Currie, Douglas Main, Roberta Ray, Trevor Jones, Catherine Firth, Frances Campbell, Elsie Draper, Bunty MacKay, Mary Gunn, Dorothy MacKay, Edward Rand and Sidney Biggs.

St. George's Mission Ladies' Guild, Cadboro Bay, will meet at Lingfield, Friday, at 8, for the annual meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year.

'Best-dressed' Out For Duration Of War

By ADELAIDE KERR
Associated Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK (CP)—Many of the world's best dressed women are giving most of their time and thought to far more serious things than the clothes they wear. And this goes for the women of the United States, too.

A number are "up to their eyes" in war work, and keeping office hours. A few have embarked on careers. Most of them are "getting along" on wardrobes which are exceedingly simple in comparison to those they once possessed.

Time was when fashion columns were crammed with descriptions of the wardrobes of Queen Elizabeth of Britain, the Duchess of Kent, the Duchess of Windsor, Lady Mendl, Baroness Eugene de Rothschild, Mrs. Harrison Williams and other fashion-famous women.

The American-born Baroness Eugene de Rothschild, at whose Austrian castle the Duke of Windsor passed the months between abdication and marriage to the woman he loved, seemed to sum up the attitude of them all when she said to me:

"Clothes! What are they today? They're going to play a very minor role in everybody's life. There are much more important things which we must think of now."

WAR CASUALTIES

Paris and London dressmakers delighted in creating special clothes to enhance their beauty and chic. The silhouettes they launched started more than one fashion trend.



BEST-DRESSED WOMAN—Mrs. Harrison Williams, the daughter of a Kentucky horseman, wrested the title of the world's best-dressed woman from two royal duchesses—the Duchess of Windsor and the Duchess of Kent, who though they tied for first last year received nary a mention on the 1941 list of style setters. This year's list, selected in New York as the new fashion centre of the world. The Duchess of Windsor, who has long ranked in the top three, and the Duchess of Kent, now in uniform, were considered to have permitted their wardrobes to deteriorate because of war conditions.

Today many of those wardrobes are locked away in closets and vaults. Others were left behind when their owners departed hastily from Europe. Still others were lost at sea when the boat transporting them to America went down as a casualty of war.

Their owners are spending hours in Red Cross uniforms, plainly tailored clothes, or the famous little black frocks which are almost a "must" in fashionable wardrobes. Some of those who came to New York from Europe replaced lost frocks with simple dresses bought from department store racks; others sampled the work of New York's best couturiers.

Queen Elizabeth, whose evening frocks launched a full skirted trend, is now concentrating on keeping up British morale. She and King George are seen frequently in public.

NURSING SISTER

The Duchess of Kent, whose hats made fashion history at the Ascot races, recently completed a 50-hour training course as a

Alberta Training Deadline Saturday

EDMONTON (CP)—Saturday will be the deadline for all male Albertans who were between 21 and 24 years of age at the time of the national registration last August desiring postponements from militia training. Chief Justice Horace Harvey, chairman of the Alberta War Service Board, announced.

Representatives of four religious sects active in Alberta appeared before the board here yesterday and asked that young men of their denominations be exempted from bearing arms. Groups represented were the Seventh Day Adventists, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Moravian Church and Christian Convention. Spokesman for all declared their members would not object to serving in noncombatant posts, but could not serve in the regular army, where they might be called upon to bear arms and kill.

Chairman Harvey said the Christian Convention did not appear to be a regularly-constituted church and exemptions could not be considered for its adherents.

He added federal officials in Ottawa at present were working on a plan whereby so-called "conscientious objectors" would be sent for some form of noncombatant training to special camps. The board would consider the submissions and would recommend decisions in each case, he said. It would meet Friday to hear individual cases.

The first social meeting of the new year for members and friends will be held by the Victoria Women's Institute Friday afternoon at 2.30 in their hall, Fort Street. The program will be given by the Georgian Choristers under the leadership of Mrs. G. Watt. Tea will be served under the direction of Mrs. M. Brown and her committee.

Oak Bay United W.A. will meet Thursday in the church parlor at 2.45 p.m.

The parrots, tortoises, reptiles and birds of prey are found to be the longest-lived inmates of the London zoo.

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By d'Alessio



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New Year's Day

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Percy E. George Completes Term

Alderman-elect Percy E. George said farewell to his colleagues on the city school board last night, thanking them for the co-operation and friendship they had shown him as chairman and wishing his successor the same treatment.

It had been the most pleasant of his 10 years on the board, he said, expressing appreciation to each of the members, the staff and the municipal inspector.

He paid tribute to the abilities of Austin Curtis, trustee-elect, and closed with a warning to the board not to be too local in its activities.

"The most important thing is the winning of the war," he said. Regret at his departure and hopes for his success in the council field were voiced by Trustee Mrs. A. S. Christie on behalf of the board.

Trustee George's farewell followed a report from the finance committee disclosing a surplus of

approximately \$5,000 from this year's operations.

Arrangements were completed for the rental of 33 new-model Remington Rand typewriters for the High School, for the transfer of funds from the "instruction account" to other accounts which were slightly overspent, purchase of new Dennoyer-Geppert maps from a Seattle agency and the issuance of bills to students of Victoria College who have yet to pay their fees.

"It's time we did something more than send a bill to some of these people," said Trustee F. G. Mulliner. "Some of these parents have steady jobs and no excuse for not paying towards the education of their children."

A report on the fee question will be submitted at the next meeting of the board.

The trustees approved the distribution of apples through Buckenfield's Limited during the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association Apple Week late in January, received progress reports on improvements to the two top stories of Victoria High School, on drainage work at Quadra and Quadra Primary, and on plans to repair the Junior High School

dining-room floor. A progress report was also given by Mrs. Christie on light and blind installations, and Trustee Mulliner voiced the thanks of the building and grounds committee to the staff and city engineer's department for its co-operation during the year.

25 Years Ago

LONDON — British casualties recorded in lists published during the month of December totaled 1,001 officers and 17,548 men. These are the returns from all fronts.

LONDON — The British armored cruiser Natal sank in harbor yesterday as a result of an internal explosion. There are 400 survivors. The Natal was a ship of 13,550 tons, with a speed of 23 knots. She carried six 9.2-inch guns, four 7.5-inch guns, 24 three-pounders and three submerged torpedo tubes.

Building permits have been issued to T. Stothard for a greenhouse at 1715 Lee Avenue, and to Holland and McPhillips for alterations to a building at the corner of Fort and Broad Streets.

Saw Invasion As Cultural Threat

"The feeling in France in regard to the German invasion was that it was a cultural threat more than a material threat," Miss Gladys Arnold, Canadian Press representative, told a meeting of the Gyrto Club at the Empress Hotel today. Miss Arnold was in France for the first part of the war up to the time of its capitulation.

The people believed that the Maginot line was their protection against a material threat, the speaker continued, but there was no protection for a cultural threat. In this respect, a great effort was made towards this protection. For the thousands of children pouring into Bordeaux emergency schools were set up, although room was at a premium. Young men who had left universities to fight, continued their studies at the front by correspondence, coming back periodically to write exams at the school. Most of Miss Arnold's address

was taken up with the description of refugee scenes. The most serious problem was in Paris. It was estimated that 2,500,000 people passed through the city during the rush to the coast, Miss Arnold said. Thousands of letters poured into the city from soldiers who had left families in the north who had since been evacuated, asking where their relatives were.

On the road to Bordeaux, not once did Miss Arnold hear the words "capitulation" or "armistice." The people did not know what was happening and when Marshal Petain broadcast that France was through, they were stunned.

Miss Arnold was introduced by Archie Wills and thanked by president Bill Clarke.

Smythe Will Pay, Says Mr. Calder

MONTREAL (CP) — Frank Calder, president of the National Hockey League, said yesterday Conny Smythe, manager of Toronto Leafs, was automatically fined \$100 when he stepped on the ice at New York Sunday

This Too, May Be News

LaGuardia Scores White

Mayor LaGuardia of New York, chairman of the American section of the United States-Canadian Joint Defence Board, said the Committee to Defend America by aiding the Allies "had better divide."

In a letter to William Allen White, committee chairman, LaGuardia said:

"I read your statement saying what the Committee to Defend America by aiding the Allies would not do. Strange, when the going was good for the Allies, you and others were strong in saying what you would do. Now that the going is bad, you are doing a typical Laval."

"It occurred to me that the committee had better divide. You could continue as chairman of the 'Committee to Defend America by aiding the Allies with words,' and the rest of us would join a 'committee to defend America by aiding the Allies with deeds.' That at least would identify the division which I am sure your statement will cause."

Dowding in Canada

Sir Hugh Dowding, air chief marshal of the Royal Air Force, has reached Canada.

He told reporters his mission would take him first to Washington and later to other parts of the United States.

"I am not much concerned with the details of supply," he said, "but I am hoping to arrange standardization of American products so they will fit perfectly into our requirements." He is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Kenneth Dowding, 2708 Dufferin Road, who is here, with her children "for the duration."

Enough Words Sent

Alexander Woolcott, author and playwright, closed the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's "let's face the facts" Sunday night series with a plea to fellow-Americans for "ships and destroyers and planes and pilots" for Britain.

"There have been enough words to England," he said in the last of the weekly series over the National Network of the CBC. "I am one who would send ships and destroyers and planes and pilots, but no more words." He spoke at the invitation of H. G. Lash, director of public information at Ottawa.

Less Meat in 1941

Lord Woolton, British Food Minister, in a broadcast urged Britons to eat more home-grown potatoes and oats, and warned, "We shall have to do with less meat in 1941."

He appealed to housewives to "go easy with the can opener," and said he was depending on the public's voluntary abstinence to prevent the need of rationing of cheese.

"The enemy is making a direct attack on our foodships and is sinking quite a number of them, and the danger is much worse than it was in the last war," the Food Minister declared.

He offered this further advice to householders: "We can do with less pastry . . . Don't buy cheese unless you need it. Don't use it as an extra . . . Go easy with the can opener and regard all your canned goods as an iron ration in case supplies break down at any time in your district."

Sleeps in Coffin

Mike O'Connor of London, a laboring man who loves his sleep, crawls into a massive stone coffin—otherwise unoccupied—and, in his own words "slumbers like a bloomin' log." He does that each night when the sirens start.

The coffin is 400 years old. It is in the crypt of Christ Church in the Spitalfields section of poorer London. When the O'Connors' east end home was flattened by a bomb, the family moved into the crypt shelter.

O'Connor doesn't think his choice of bed funny or eerie. He admits it felt "a bit disturbing" the first couple nights, but soon got used to it.

"The sides of the coffin keep the draughts away," he argues, "and there is plenty of room to move around."

Future of Music

Sir Ernest MacMillan in Cleveland, said the future of music rested with North America.

"America has fallen heir to all that is best and noblest in European music, including much that Europeans have stupidly discarded for other than aesthetic

night during a game against Rangers, and that there could be "no argument" about it.

"The fine is automatic and mandatory," said Calder, who was in New York for the game.

(Smythe, learning of the fine from a reporter after the game which Leafs dropped 3 to 2, said "I won't pay.")

London Mayor Thanks City

Two letters from the Lord Mayor of London—thanking Victoria through Mayor Andrew McGavin for the encouraging assistance provided by collections made here for war-victims in Britain have been received at the City Hall.

The communications specifically acknowledged donations from Victoria of sums of \$3,900 and \$600 sent some time ago and received last month by the Lord Mayor.

"I would ask you to accept yourself and to convey to the citizens of your town my heartfelt thanks for their generous gift. At a time of trial such as the people of this country are now going through with unshaken courage, there is nothing more encouraging than to know that their friends overseas are concerned for their welfare, and are ready to help them with gifts. I personally am deeply appreciative of your having organized the collection of this sum. It is only another illustration of the solidarity of purpose in this struggle which binds together all parts of the British Commonwealth of Peoples," read the letter dated December 3.

Similar sentiments were expressed in that dated November 25.

Collections are still being made by the city for future contributions to the fund. A sum well over \$1,000 will be forwarded to London shortly by the city.

PUBLICITY BUREAU TO ASK FOR GRANTS

Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt, as well as the city, will be asked for interviews with regard to making grants to operate the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau in 1941, directors of the bureau decided yesterday afternoon.

In past years, the city has helped finance the bureau, the municipalities not contributing. It was felt that Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt benefited from the work of bureau as well as the city and should therefore help in its operation.

It was agreed to pay the Evergreen Playground Association 25 per cent more than the amount paid last year for the association's advertising campaign, provided other members of the association increased their shares 25 per cent. The increase would be from \$1,000 to \$1,250. Seattle had agreed on the increase, directors were informed.

Action of the publicity commissioner, George I. Warren, against amendments to the Fishing and Game Regulations which would allow use of salmon roe as bait for taking steelheads in streams during the closed season on other trout, namely December, January and February, in the Nanaimo district, was approved.

Letters to Gladstone Murray, head of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; Ira Dilworth, B.C. regional director, and Mrs. Nellie McClung, a member of the board of directors, protesting omission of Victoria from a nation-wide Christmas broadcast over the CBC which was supposed to take in the whole Dominion, were approved.

Directors were informed the old dugout canoe Tillicum, had been moved from the grounds of the Crystal Garden to Thunderbird Park and a letter was sent to Robin Raymond, manager of the Garden, thanking him for granting the space for the exhibit in the past.

A letter will be sent to the Mayor and City Council informing them the bureau had nothing to do with the recent Liberty magazine feature on Victoria which did not mention Mayor Andrew McGavin while pictures of other prominent citizens were shown. The bureau supplied a representative from the magazine with 40 names of prominent citizens which had the Mayor at the top of the list. The magazine representative did the rest.

Costs Studied

Additional data on costs, raw material supply and market possibilities for an iron and steel smelter in British Columbia have been obtained by Dr. J. F. Walker, deputy minister of mines, who has just returned from a survey of California plants.

Dr. Walker will compile a report for the government which is collaborating with Ottawa authorities in examining the coast smelter proposal.

The deputy minister said he visited several coast plants and studied particularly the use of scrap iron.

He said the supply of scrap in B.C. is being studied as well as the chances of marketing steel if it is produced here.



FROM BAD TO GOOD—According to Atlanta, Ga., police, four years ago Gordon Price was a "tough customer" in that city's underworld. Then in 1936 he reformed and today he is a Baptist minister. He's pictured above, kneeling for the "laying on of hands" ceremony in which he was ordained.

reasons," he said. "To all this America is adding her own quota and, year by year, is standing more firmly on her own musical feet."

Sir Ernest said in the past North America has been a musical debtor—an importer rather than an exporter.

"The flood of first-class musicians who have been driven to our shores by troubles in their native lands may postpone natural development, but I fancy it will not be long before our own young conductors will come into their own," he said.

Canadian Honored

Dr. Dilworth Wayne Woolley, Canadian-born fellow of Rockefeller Institute, New York, is the recipient of the Eli Lilly award of \$1,000 and a bronze medal given annually at the convention of the Society of American bacteriologists.

The award goes to a man or woman under 31 years of age who has made exceptional contributions to knowledge of bacteriology or immunology in a non-commercial research or educational institution. Dr. Woolley, 26, a native of Raymond, Alta., specialized in the field of chemical structure and food requirements of micro organisms.

In announcing the award, Dr. Charles Thom, president of the society, said the young man "has contributed substantially to our knowledge of . . . the cause of scarlet fever, blood poisoning and meningitis."

Dr. Woolley graduated from the University of Alberta in 1935 with honors in chemistry. From the University of Wisconsin he received the degrees of Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in 1936 and 1938, respectively. He was awarded the 16th international physiological congress travelling fellowship of the American Society of Biological Chemists, and also studied at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine.

DEATH ACCIDENTAL DECISION OF JURY

Accidental death was the decision of a coroner's jury under Dr. E. C. Hart at an inquest yesterday afternoon at Hayward's Funeral Chapel on the death of Frederick Chalmers Armstrong, Helmscken Road, who died last Thursday of injuries received when struck by an automobile on November 12.

According to witnesses, the 71-year old victim and two other passengers alighted from a bus on the Island Highway near Helmscken Road. The deceased started to cross the road, and upon the approach of a car driven by James Wood, Fairfield Road, he began to run. Mr. Wood swerved sharply to the left, but the aged man ran in the same direction and was hit. Mrs. Mary Purden and Miss Jean Johnson, the two who alighted with Mr. Armstrong, testified to this nature. Other eyewitnesses also gave like evidence.

Members of the jury were: H. E. Haynes, foreman; C. T. Stocker, A. Walton, A. C. Martin, I. R. Champion and H. J. O'Neill.



January Clearance Sale!



"Lady Hudson" and "Wimbledon" Hats

Fine quality Hats . . . and the famous brands assure you of good-looking, wearable styles, neat finish and long service. Assorted shades in head sizes 21 to 23. January Clearance price. **2.99**

—Millinery, Fashion Floor at THE BAY

Tailored
"Stetson"
and
"Richelieu"
HATS
Regular 5.95 and 6.95
3.49

A once-a-season opportunity to purchase these well-known Hats at a genuine saving! The group features tailored or sporty models in a fine assortment of shades. Attractively trimmed with feather, leather, metal, flower, suede feathers, self materials. Head sizes 21 to 23.



Pure-silk
Full-fashioned
Hose
69c

8-thread chiffons and a few service-weight hose . . . first qualities and substandards. Check this broken assortment of sizes and colors early and stock up. Sizes 8½ to 10½, collectively.

9 A.M. SPECIAL

ASSORTED HOSIERY

January Clearance Sale of Wool and Rayon. Pure-silk and Silk-Mesh Hose in sizes 8½ to 10½, collectively. No phone orders or exchanges, please! Special, pair. **39c**

Handbags

Synthetic Leather Bags that are really attractive. You'll like the tricky trimmings, and the heavy lining will wear well. Brown, black and navy. Each. **1.00**

A variety of types to choose from, in popular synthetic leather. Brown, black and navy. January Clearance Sale price. **1.59**

—Dress Accessories, Street Floor at THE BAY



Children's Winter COATS

Reduced **25%**

Clearing our complete stock of Children's Coats, and at worthwhile savings! 2 and 3-piece sets for boys and girls 2 to 6 years. Coats for girls 7 to 14½ years in tailored or fur-trimmed models. All marked at 25% off regular prices!

Regular 4.98	Sale price	3.73
Regular 5.98	Sale price	4.48
Regular 7.98	Sale price	5.99
Regular 8.98	Sale price	6.73
Regular 10.98	Sale price	8.23
Regular 12.98	Sale price	9.73
Regular 14.98	Sale price	11.23
Regular 16.98	Sale price	12.73
Regular 19.98	Sale price	14.99
Regular 25.00	Sale price	18.75

GIRLS' ALL-WOOL PULLOVERS

Fine knit with round neck or polo collar with zipper front. Long sleeves. Plain shades with contrasting trim: 2 to 14½. Sale price. **92c**

GIRLS' ALL-WOOL CARDIGANS

Round necks with buttons to ribbed waist. Brown, rust, royal, wine, navy. Sizes 2 to 14½. Sale price. **1.58**

CHILDREN'S WOOL UNDIES

Broken size clearance of Mouldies Vests and Panties. Short sleeves or wide shoulders. Elastic or cuffed legs. Regular 88c. Sale price. **79c**

Girls' Felt Hats

Tailored and dressy models of good quality wool felt. Brown, royal, wine or green. Regular 1.98. Sale price. **1.59**

INFANTS' SHORTENING DRESSES
Fine Cotton Voile Dresses with puff sleeves and ribbon or lace trim. White with pink or blue. Sale price. **79c**

—Children's Wear, Fashion Floor at THE BAY

Women's Better Dresses

Reduced to

\$11.00

Women who attend smart afternoon affairs that call for a fashion-right appearance will find outstanding interest in this group! Better grade Wool and Wool-crepe Dresses at an unusually low price for such quality. The styles feature tucking, shirring and drapery, as well as sequin and beaded trim. A good choice of pleasing shades in sizes 14 to 42 and half sizes.

Afternoon Dresses

A splendid assortment of wools and wool crepes, nicely finished in styles suitable for business or office wear. Sizes 14 to 26 only. January Clearance Sale price. **6.99**

—Women's Dresses, Fashion Floor at THE BAY



Women's 5.00 and 5.50

Shoes

3.69
PAIR

One of January's big opportunities to save on quality Shoes . . . Lady Hudson Shoes in broken size ranges, but with a good range of patterns, sizes and colors collectively. Dressy Shoes and Walking Oxfords. Lady Hudson Shoes are well known for their fine wearing quality and good-fitting lasts.

150 PAIRS WOMEN'S 7.45 SHOES

Dressy styles, mostly in high-heeled plain pumps. All well-known brands that are famous for their style, fit and quality. Be early for the best selection of patterns and save 2.45 on each pair. Sale price, pair. **4.99**

—Women's Shoes, Fashion Floor at THE BAY



Broadcloth Pyjamas

Regular 1.39

1.00

Firmly-woven materials in neat, fast-colored stripes. Cut in large-fitting sizes and finished with contrasting color lapels.



Broadcloth Shirts

Regular 2.50

1.79

Fused collar-attached style. Made in Canada from smart striped English materials. Full-fitting sizes, 15 and 15½.

—Men's Furnishings, Street Floor at THE BAY

Men's "Stylecrest" Boots

Regular 5.95 . . . offered at a saving of 1.00 for the January Clearance Sale. Made on comfortable fitting lasts in a good range of sizes and widths. Calf and kidskin leathers. Sale price. **4.95**

—Men's Shoes, Street Floor at THE BAY

Men's Tweed Suits

Regular 11.95. Save 4.00 on a Suit for office and everyday wear! Dark shades of grey, brown and navy. Single-breasted models in sizes for men and young men. Sizes 35 to 38. Sale price. **7.95**

—Men's Clothing, Street Floor at THE BAY

WOOL FABRIC ODDMENTS

January Clearance Sale of broken lines of Imported British Woolens. Suit weights, dress weights, coatings in varied assortment of weaves and colorings. Tweeds, boucles, crepes, worsteds and fur fabrics. Exclusive coat and suit lengths.

1/3 OFF
REGULAR PRICES

—Fabrics, Street Floor at THE BAY

STARTS THURSDAY JANUARY 2

Quality merchandise . . . clothing, home furnishings and everyday needs for yourself and family! It will be to your advantage to check this list and shop early Thursday! The special reductions offer you outstanding savings!



Size 60x80-inch Grey

Wool Blankets

SALE PRICE **6.98** PAIR

Here's a welcome addition to your bedding . . . get a pair for every bed in your home. Thick, fluffy Blankets that are delightfully soft and warm for comfortable sleeping.

STAPLES SUPPLIES AT SALE PRICES

81-inch Bleached Sheet

Firmly woven, snow white Colonial sheeting. Makes up for lasting comfort and wear. 81 inches wide. Sale price, yard. **68c**

Bleached Sheets

Sturdy quality Sheets that wear excellently and launder well. Size 81x91 inches. Sale price, pair. **2.98**

Mattress Covers

Three-quarter bed size only. Medium weight, unbleached cotton; washable. Sale price, each. **99c**

Grey Flannelette Blankets

Soft, heavy Blankets for additional warmth. Slightly imperfect. Double-bed size. Sale price, pair. **2.49**

Irish Linen Damask Sets

Snowy white, grass-bleached Irish linen in lovely damask designs. Size 70x88 inches. Sale price, set. **7.95**

Scotch Lace Cloths

Lovely cream lace Tablecloths imported from Scotland. Exquisite styling. Size 70x88 inches. Sale price. **1.98**

Linen Damask Cloths

Popular Ivy leaf pattern in excellent quality pure Irish linen damask. Will launder well. Size 54x84 inches. Sale price. **1.98**

Table Oilcloth

Oddments in Table Oilcloth . . . some with slight printing imperfection . . . otherwise would sell for 40c a yard. 45 inches wide. Sale price, yard. **25c**

—Staples, Street Floor at THE BAY



Regular 1.25 Tailored Vests and Panties **98c**

These Rayon Vests and Panties are wonderfully fine and will launder in a jiffy. . . Small, medium and large sizes in tearose and white. It's to your advantage to stock up now!

Gowns and Slips

Dainty garments of rayon satin trimmed with lace and embroidery. Slips, sizes 32 to 44. Gowns in small, medium and large. Tearose, blue and white. Sale price. **1.69**

Rayon and Cotton Undies

Vests and Panties in waffle-knit cotton in snuggie styles, or little Rayon Panties. Slightly substandard. Tearose and white. Small, medium and large. Sale price. **23c**

Lace-trimmed Pyjamas
Rayon Satin and Satin-striped Pyjamas, daintily trimmed. Tearose and blue. Small, medium and large. Sale price. **1.89**

Foundation Garments

1/2 Price

An excellent choice . . . have the proper figure control to suit your winter wardrobe, now at just half regular price! Gosard MissSimplicity Corsettes, Combination Girdles and Corsets, also Nemo-Flex and Lady Mac Foundations. Regular 5.00 to 13.50, for **HALF PRICE**.

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Battle of Britain Highlights Review of 1940 World Events

JANUARY

- 1—(New Year's Day) — King calls up 2,000,000 more men for service. Finland celebrates New Year by smashing Soviet division.
- 5—War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha resigns in Chamberlain cabinet shake-up.
- 6—King Carol warns Russia Rumania will fight if invaded.



- 7—British-Canadian \$17,000,000 shipbuilding program announced.
- 9—British liner Dunbar Castle sinks from mine off English coast. Canadian, U.S. officials confer at Ottawa on St. Lawrence Seaway.
- 10—Allies lay world's largest mine field in North Sea. Mine blast kills 92 in Virginia.
- 12—Reds renew air offensive on Helsinki.
- 13—R.A.F. shoots down German raiders over Firth of Forth.
- 14—Admiral Yonai named Japanese Premier to succeed Nobuyuki Abe, resigned.
- 16—British submarines Seahorse, Undine and Starfish lost; 130 dead or missing.
- 19—Canada's \$200,000,000 war loan oversubscribed 60 per cent. Senator William E. Borah dies.
- 20—Britain, U.S. tangle over British censorship of American mail.
- 22—Britain seizes German seamen from Japanese liner; Japan protests.
- 23—British destroyer Exmouth sinks in North Sea; nearly 200 lost.
- 25—Canadian Parliament dissolved.
- 26—U.S. commercial treaty with Japan lapses.
- 27—South African Assembly rejects motion urging separate peace with Germany.
- 31—British government takes control of Empire shipping.

FEBRUARY

- 1—Russia launches heavy assault on Finland's Mannerheim Line.
- 3—Balkan Entente—Yugoslavia, Rumania, Turkey, Greece—decide on "every man for himself" policy.
- 5—C.P.R. freighter Beaverburn torpedoed off Irish coast.
- 6—King honors 56 heroes in first investiture of war.
- 8—Third Canadian contingent arrives at U.K. port.
- 11—Governor-General Lord Tweedsmuir dies in Montreal.
- 12—Anzac troops arrive at Suez.
- 13—British planes fly over north-west Germany.
- 14—Finland's President Kallio asks aid from world.
- 15—Britain convoys world's shipping against German subs.



- 17—H.M.S. Cossack rescues 293 British seamen from German prison ship Altmark off Norwegian coast. U.S. envoy Sumner Welles leaves for Europe to confer with European rulers.
- 18—German freighter Morea captured by British.
- 20—Russians occupy Kolivisto, Finland.
- 22—I.R.A. bomb explodes in London's West End.
- 23—R.A.F. drops leaflets over Austria, Bohemia. Allies extend blockade to Arctic.
- 24—Hitler declares Nazis cannot lose; Chamberlain says Hitler must go.
- 25—R.C.A.F. 110th Squadron arrives in England.
- 26—Sumner Welles talks at Rome with Mussolini and Ciano.
- 29—British navy orders seizure of German coal shipments to Italy. Sixty-day sit-down strike ends at Pioneer Gold Mines.

MARCH

- 1—Russians on outskirts of Viborg, key Finnish city.
- 2—Adolf Hitler, Sumner Welles talk.
- 3—British liner Domala air-bombed in English Channel; 108 killed.
- 5—Britain seizes Italian ships carrying 100,000 tons of German coal to Italy, later frees them.
- 7—British liner Queen Elizabeth arrives at New York after trans-Atlantic dash. Prime Minister R. G. Menzies of Australia forms coalition.
- 11—Allies offer full immediate aid to Finland. Welles confers with Chamberlain, Halifax.
- 13—Finland, Russia sign peace treaty. Russia gets Karelian Isthmus. Sir Michael O'Dwyer assassinated in London.
- 15—French Senate gives Daladier vote of confidence.
- 16—Ohio mine explosion kills 73.



- 18—Hitler, Mussolini confer at Brenner Pass.
- 19—U.S. Minister of Canada James Cromwell chides U.S. isolationists in Toronto speech.
- 20—Daladier ousted. Reynaud, as Premier, forms new French cabinet.
- 21—Liners Queen Mary and Mauretania sail from New York.
- 24—Trans-Atlantic wire service disrupted by sun spot tornado.
- 25—British push drive to cut German air route from Norway.
- 26—Mackenzie King's Liberal regime wins in landslide.
- 28—Allied War Council affirms unity, bars any separate peace.
- 29—Nine marine pilots drowned in Halifax harbor when boat sunk by freighter.
- 30—Winston Churchill declares Britain will "follow the war wherever it leads." Wang Jap puppet, inaugurates regime in Nanking.
- 31—Japanese drive toward Indo-China.

APRIL

- 1—Peter Fraser new Prime Minister of New Zealand.
- 3—Earl of Athlone named Canada's Governor-General. Winston Churchill directs Britain's military services in cabinet reshuffle.
- 4—Brig. Gen. Victor W. Odlum, Vancouver, appointed to command Second Canadian Division.
- 5—British warplanes bomb German warships at Wilhelmshaven.
- 6—British notes to Norway and Sweden define Allied position on question of territorial waters.
- 7—Science watches rare ring eclipse of sun.
- 8—British mine Norwegian coastline to halt ore traffic to Germany; torpedo Nazi troop ship off Norway.
- 9—Nazis "blitz" Denmark, Norway, occupy major cities. Quisling heads Naziized Norwegian government.
- 10—Allied, Nazi fleets battle in Skagerrak. Eight Nazi, two British vessels sunk.



- 11—Britain occupies Faeroes (Den.); Iceland and Greenland a problem.
- 12—British sink all Nazi ships at Narvik, lay mine field in Kattegat. Sweden warns belligerents she will defend borders.
- 13—Germans fly reinforcements to Oslo, Bergen, Trondheim, Stavanger; drive north from Oslo.
- 15—Allied troops land at Namsos, Andalsnes. "Trojan Horse" activity blamed for fall of Norway.
- 21—James H. R. Cromwell, U.S. Minister to Canada, resigns. Thirty die in train wreck near Little Falls, N.Y.

- 22—Nazis blast Norwegian towns from air; drive on Hamar, Elverum, Roros.
- 23—Sir John Simon announces \$11,000,000,000 budget. Prime Minister King confers with President Roosevelt at Warm Springs, Ga. Nearly 200 negroes burned to death in Mississippi dance hall fire.
- 24—British bomb Nazi air bases in Denmark, Norway. German mechanized divisions pound north.
- 25—Bill granting suffrage to Quebec women becomes law.
- 27—British forces at Dombas, Norway, withdraw.
- 30—British re-route shipping from Mediterranean; Italy "shocked."
- 29—British list 28 German transport supply ships sunk since April.

MAY

- 1—British withdraw from southern Norway.
- 2—Allies quit Namsos.
- 3—Three Allied destroyers lost off Namsos conveying troops.
- 5—French repulse repeated attacks on Western Front.
- 7—Chamberlain attacked in Commons over Norwegian campaign failure. Netherlands cancels leaves, cuts communications, closes canals.
- 8—Chamberlain's majority drops to 281-200.
- 10—Germany invades Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg. Churchill becomes Prime Minister, succeeding Chamberlain. British force takes protective custody of Iceland.
- 11—Nazis drive on Liege, Belgium; sweep halfway across Holland. New York World's Fair opens.
- 13—Nazis enter Rotterdam; 2,000 tanks battle in Belgium. Queen Wilhelmina flees Holland to London. Hon. Robert J. Manion resigns as Conservative Party leader; Hon. R. B. Hanson new House leader.
- 14—Dutch army surrenders; Germans fight on 200-mile Meuse River front from Liege to Sedan. Lord Beaverbrook appointed Minister of Aircraft Production.
- 18—French Premier Reynaud takes over war portfolio, naming Edouard Daladier foreign minister and Marshal Petain vice-premier. Germans throw 2,500 tanks into northern France battle.
- 19—Maxime Weygand replaces Gamelin as chief of Allied armies.
- 20—Prime Minister King announces Canada to raise third division.
- 21—Germans reach Abbeville, on channel, trap 500,000 British in Belgium.
- 22—Britain conscripts life, labor and property. Canadian Ministry of National Defence for Air set up with Hon. G. C. Power as minister.
- 23—British Fascists, Mosley and Ramsay, arrested in drive against possible "fifth column" elements.
- 24—King in Empire broadcast says German victory would mean "destruction of our world as we have known it."
- 26—Gen. Sir John Dill new chief of Imperial General Staff. French Premier Reynaud and Churchill confer in London.
- 28—King Leopold surrenders Belgian army to Germany. Allies take Narvik. B.E.F. retreat toward Dunkerque.
- 29—Canadian Parliament passes \$700,000,000 war appropriations bill.

- 3—Aircraft carrier Glorious lost with 1,200 lives. Britain ends free sterling market.
- 9—Germans throw 1,800,000 men into Western Front.
- 10—Italy declares war on Allies. Canada declares war on Italy. Defence Minister Norman Rogers, three R.C.A.F. men killed in Ontario airplane crash. H.M.C.S. Bras d'Or captures Italian freighter Capo Noli in St. Lawrence.
- 11—French government set up at Tours. Crown Princess Juliana of Netherlands and two daughters arrive in Canada.
- 13—Turkey concludes trade pact with Germany. Hon. J. L. Ralston becomes Minister of Defence.
- 14—Germans take Paris.



- 15—Italian sub sinks British cruiser Calypso in Mediterranean.
- 16—Marshal Henri Petain heads new French government. Reynaud resigns. French surrender Maginot Line. Russia occupies Baltic states.
- 18—Canadian forces man Newfoundland, Iceland and West Indies.
- 22—Germans, French sign armistice in Compiègne Forest.
- 23—British, Italian troops clash in East Africa.
- 25—Hostilities between France, Germany and Italy cease.
- 26—Gen. Charles de Gaulle in London forms "Free French" resistance. U.S. Republicans nominate Willkie.
- 27—Rumania yields Bessarabia and northern Bucovina to Russia.
- 28—H.M.C.S. Fraser sinks in collision off Bordeaux; 45 dead or missing.

JULY

- 1—Germans occupy the British Channel Islands of Jersey and Guernsey.
- 2—British prison ship Arandora Star torpedoed; 900 German, Italian prisoners down. French set up government at Vichy.
- 3—British seize, destroy, bottle up major part of French navy at Oran.
- 6—Germany, Greece sign economic pact.

- 7—Mexico goes to the polls; 47 dead, 300 injured. Avila Camacho wins, 2,476,641 to 151,101.



- 8—Angus Macdonald new National Defence Minister of Naval Affairs.
- 9—Duke of Windsor appointed Governor of Bahamas.
- 10—Laval, Weygand, Marquet form French totalitarian triumvirate.
- 11—Eire's De Valera rejects joint defence project for Ireland.
- 12—Two thousand war guests reach Canada.
- 14—Maj. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton commands Canadian forces in England.
- 16—Brig. G. R. Pearkes commands First Canadian Division.
- 17—P.A.F. smashes Nazi "invasion ports," troop barges. Democrats nominate Roosevelt. Britain closes Burma Road. Prince Konoye forms new one-party government in Japan.
- 19—Australian cruiser Sidney sinks Italian ship in Mediterranean.
- 20—Roosevelt signs \$4,000,000,000 two-ocean navy bill.
- 21—Pan-American Conference opens at Havana. Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia join Soviet Union.
- 22—Major-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar appointed Chief of Canadian General Staff.
- 24—France jails Daladier, other ex-leaders.
- 25—Roosevelt embargoes U.S. oil, scrap metal exports; Japan hit. S.S. Lancastria sinks in Nazi aerial raid on British convoy in English Channel; 2,823 missing.
- 26—Italy bombs Gibraltar. Britain blockading all continent.
- 29—Germany launches mass air raids, greatest of war, on Britain.
- 30—Britain blockades Spain and Portugal to keep supplies from Axis.
- 31—Forty-three killed in Ohio train crash.

AUGUST

- 1—Windsors sail for Nassau.
- 2—Britain purchases 100,000,000 bushels Canadian wheat — largest order in history.

Salient Dates of the War

- February 17—British boarding party takes 299 British seamen from German prison ship Altmark.
- March 13—Finland and Russia sign peace treaty giving Russia the Karelian Isthmus and other areas.
- April 9—Germany invades Denmark and Norway; Nazis lose many ships.
- April 13—British destroy seven German destroyers at Narvik, Norway.
- May 2—Allies evacuate southern Norway.
- May 10—Germany invades the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. Churchill succeeds Chamberlain as British Prime Minister.
- May 14—Netherlands surrenders to Germany.
- May 28—King Leopold of Belgians surrenders to Germany.
- June 4—Dunkerque evacuation complete; 335,000 British soldiers rescued.
- June 10—Italy declares war on Britain and France. Canada declares war on Italy.
- June 16—Petain becomes Chief of State of France.
- June 18—Canadian government moves to mobilize manpower and resources.
- June 25—Hostilities between France, Germany and Italy end.
- June 28—Announced Canadian destroyer Fraser sink by collision in French waters, 45 dead or missing.
- July 3—Arandora Star sunk en route to Canada with enemy internees; 1,000 lives lost. Britain takes action against French fleet.
- July 14—Maj. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton promoted to lieutenant-general to command army corps including Canadians in England.
- August 15—Germans send 1,000 planes over Britain; 180 shot down.
- August 18—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King, after Ogdensburg, N.Y., conference, announce permanent joint board of defence.
- September 3—United Kingdom trades New World naval and air bases to United States for 50 destroyers.
- September 7—Record raid on London by Germans kills 306 and seriously injures 1,337.
- September 17—City of Benares torpedoed by Germans in Atlantic; 248 lost, including 81 children bound for Canada.
- October 22—Canadian destroyer Margaree sunk; 142 lives lost.
- October 26—Empress of Britain lost at sea through German air attack.
- November 5—German raider sinks H.M.S. Jervis Bay and four ships of 38 in British Atlantic convoy.
- November 9—Neville Chamberlain dies, 71.
- November 11—British airmen smash Italian warships at Taranto.
- November 14—Germans raid Coventry in first of series of raids on Midland cities; 400 killed.
- November 22—Italian invaders driven from Greek soil; Koritzia falls.
- December 9—British start victorious drive against Italians in Egypt; thousands of prisoners captured.
- December 16—Fort Capuzzo, Italian stronghold, falls as British offensive extends into Libya.

- 5—Mayor C. Houde, Montreal, arrested, interned. U.S. Senate passes army draft bill.
- 6—Italy attacks British on three fronts in Africa: Egypt, Somaliland, Kenya. U.S. signs trade pact with Soviet.
- 8—Four hundred Nazi planes in mass air raid over England; 60 downed.
- 9—Britain withdraws troops from Shanghai, North China.
- 10—R.A.F. bombs Wilhelmshaven.
- 12—Sixty-two Nazi planes downed in raids over Dover and Portsmouth.
- 13—Australian air crash kills 10, including three cabinet ministers.
- 15—One thousand Nazi planes raid Britain; 180 downed.
- 16—Greeks mobilizing.
- 18—Germany loses 144 planes in raids over Britain. Roosevelt and King form international joint defence board.
- 19—Canadian national registration of 8,000,000 begins.
- 20—Leon Trotsky fatally attacked with axe at Mexican home.
- 23—London bombed in first night raid of war.
- 25—British bombers hit Berlin in reprisal raid.
- 28—U.S. Senate passes conscription bill.
- 29—R.A.F. bombs Krupp works at Essen. Since August 8, 885 Nazi planes downed over Britain R.A.F. lose 218.
- 30—British refugee ship torpedoed; all saved. Rumania cedes Transylvania to Hungary. Bulgaria gets Dobruja.
- 31—Airliner crashes in Virginia; 25 killed.

SEPTEMBER

- 3—Britain enters second year of war; trades New World naval, air bases for 50 over-age U.S. destroyers.
- 6—Carol of Rumania abdicates, flees with Magda Lupescu. Michael new king. Antonescu takes control.
- 7—Seven hundred Nazi planes raid London; 306 killed.



- 10—Italians bomb Palestine.
- 11—R.A.F. damages Reichstag building in Berlin.
- 12—Explosions at New Jersey power plant kill 52.
- 13—Germans bomb Buckingham Palace, King and Queen unharmed.
- 14—Italy invades Egypt. First class Canadian trainees called.
- 15—Lt. Robert Davies, R.C.A. S.F., leads "suicide squad," removes time bomb from St. Paul's Churchyard. U.S. Speaker William Bankhead dies.
- 17—City of Benares torpedoed in Atlantic; 83 refugee children die.
- 20—Six U.S. destroyers go to Canada. Marc de Tristan, three, kidnapped in San Francisco; rescued two days later.
- 22—Japan invades French Indo-China.
- 23—German subs sink 159,288 tons merchant shipping in one week.
- 24—Sirois heads unemployment insurance commission.
- 26—H.M.C.S. Prince Robert captures German ship Weser off Mexico.
- 27—Germany, Italy and Japan sign 10-year military, economic pact.

DECEMBER

- 1—Germans bomb Southampton, Bristol.
- 2—Canada's "baby" budget bans many non-British products.
- 4—Italians abandon Port Edda, other Albanian bases.
- 5—R.A.F. smashes German Ruhr, Italian arsenal at Turin. "Fiu" outbreak in California.
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- 27—Kennedy returns from London.
- 28—Italy invades Greece. Britain occupies Crete, turns navy on Italy. Hitler, Mussolini confer on French peace.
- 30—H.M.C.S. Bras d'Or and St. Malo reported lost.
- 31—Greeks push back Italians. Margaree survivors reach Bermuda.

NOVEMBER

- 1—Italians bomb Greek cities; British raid Naples for first time.
- 3—Greek Evzones drive toward Koritzia. British troops land in Greece.
- 4—Plane crash in Utah kills 10.
- 5—H.M.C.S. Jervis Bay destroyed by Nazi raider in Atlantic; four of 38 ships lost. Eire refuses bases to Britain. Roosevelt elected to third term; beats Willkie, 26,265,134 to 21,787,102; heaviest vote in U.S. history.
- 7—Great Tacoma Narrows Bridge topples into Puget Sound.
- 8—Roosevelt sets up 50-50 basis for delivery of British planes. Nineteen die in Rio de Janeiro plane crash.
- 9—Chamberlain dies, aged 71.
- 10—Thousands die in Rumanian earthquakes.
- 11—British fleet air arm smashes Italian ships in Taranto naval base.
- 12—Powder plant explosions in eastern U.S. kill 14, injure 23. Hitler, Molotov confer in Berlin on the Axis' "new Europe."
- 13—Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham named British commander-in-chief in the Far East.
- 14—Nazis smash Coventry; 400 killed. R.A.F. raids Berlin, 26 airmen, other objectives from Norway to Brittany; 10 planes missing.
- 17—British warships shell Italian Somaliland. Italians evacuate Koritzia. R.A.F. raids Hamburg.
- 19—Germans blast Birmingham.
- 20—Hungary joins Axis.
- 22—Greeks take Koritzia.
- 23—Rumania joins Axis. Lothian, on return to U.S., appeals for cash for Britain.



- 24—Greeks drive into Albania. Slovakia signs with Axis.
- 25—Bulgaria spurns Axis. Germans "Coventry" Bristol.
- 27—Rumania Iron Guards execute 64 political prisoners. Britain hits Italian fleet again, damaging six warships.
- 30—Italians retreat en masse before Greeks.

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- 14—Liner Western Prince torpedoed.
- 15—Greeks advance north of Pogradetz in Albania.

- 16—British forces capture Salum and Capuzzo, Italian forts in Libya.
- 17—British take three Italian forts in Libya.
- 18—Munitions Minister Howe and 152 survivors of torpedoed Western Prince reach British port; Scott drowned.
- 19—Italians abandon Porto Palermo in Albania.
- 21—R.A.F. raids 15 German supply bases.
- 22—Lord Halifax new envoy to United States; Eden appointed Foreign Secretary.
- 23—Churchill urges Italy to oust Mussolini, threatens to "rip African empire to shreds."
- 24—Canadian Army Corps to be formed overseas. British forces trap 20,000 Italians in East Libya.
- 25—(Christmas Day) — King George in Empire broadcast says future hard, grave crisis surmounted.
- 26—Britain doubles channel guards against renewed invasion threat.
- 27—Butter prices pegged by Ottawa. R.A.F. renews daylight raids over Germany. Hatley Park commissioned "H.M.C.S. Royal Roads." Cahan condemns Sirois report.
- 28—Nazi raiders reported in Pacific.
- 29—Roosevelt declares "active, nonbelligerent hostility" of U.S. to Axis powers, calls for speeding up of war production. Nazi bombers set London aflame.

1940 Entertainment Leaders

Surveys made by Radio Daily and Motion Picture Daily, theatrical trade papers, in which 700 U.S. and Canadian radio editors named their favorite air personalities, were made public over the weekend. In most major categories, the two surveys agree. Thus in both surveys:

Jack Benny was overwhelmingly chosen the outstanding radio entertainer and comedian. Bing Crosby was chosen favorite male popular singer; Richard Crooks, favorite male classical singer.

Kate Smith was selected the favorite woman popular singer, but Radio Daily's survey named Lily Pons as the favorite classical singer and Motion Picture Daily's survey named Margaret Spegars.

Information, Please was a hands down winner in the quiz division.

The New York Philharmonic Symphony won in the classical music orchestra division.

Lux Radio Theatre was named as the favorite dramatic production.

American School of the Air was chosen the outstanding educational feature.

Irene Wicker (The Singing Lady), conducts the best children's program, the editors voted.

Survey results differed in two commentary divisions, sports and news.

The Radio Daily survey named H. V. Kaltenborn as the favorite; Motion Picture Daily's palm went to Raymond Gram Swing.

Sports winner, according to Motion Picture Daily, was Bill Stern, and according to Radio Daily, was Ted Husing.

Motion Picture Daily's survey named Vic and Sade, written by Paul Rhymer, as the best daytime serial, but the editors took time out to criticize the endless banality of the soap operas.

In another Motion Picture Daily division, in which the editors were asked to name the outstanding new star of the season, first place went to Dinah Shore, followed by Yvette and Helen Hayes. There was a tie for fourth place—between Carol Bruce and Wendell L. Wilkie.

MOVIES

Clark Gable and Bette Davis were 1940's most popular movie actor and actress, according to the annual nation-wide poll conducted by Boxoffice, the motion picture trade journal, among movie editors, theatre owners and allied movie organizations. Gene Autry was voted the favorite western star.

The finishing order: Gable, Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney, Bing Crosby, Gary Cooper, James Stewart, Errol Flynn, James Cagney, Wallace Berry, Gary Grant, Tyrone Power, and Henry Fonda.

Actresses: Bette Davis, Judy Garland, Myrna Loy, Claudette Colbert, Deanna Durbin, Alice Faye, Vivian Leigh, Jean Arthur, Ginger Rogers, Loretta Young, Rosalind Russell, Jeannette MacDonald.

RED BOOK'S TROPHIES

Our Town, the movie version of the Thornton Wilder Pulitzer Prize play, has been awarded the Red Book prize as "the most distinguished contribution to the art of the motion picture" for 1940.

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL

With the closing of another 12 months we look back over a year of sport in Victoria and find several branches that experienced highlights. Sport in general suffered little from war conditions, although the city has lost many of its ranking athletes to the services.

After getting away to a flying start under a complete new setup, basketball suffered a nose-dive and at the close of the year appears ready for another blow-up. Affairs under the new commission have not been going so well, with intercity attractions failing to pay their way. Dominions again have the ranking club in the town. Early in the year the B.C. playoffs were held with the Dominions on the sidelines, their place being taken by the Arrows. Vancouver Maple Leafs had no trouble taking the series and going on to win the Canadian championship undefended by the Dominions owing to their breakaway from organized basketball.

Horse racing was only slightly affected by wartime conditions—the chief difference this year being that fewer stables from the south came up to race, leaving local owners to supply most of the competition. The usual number of racing days were held and wagers surpassed the total of last year. Possibly the feature of the B.C. season was the feud between the Island's two own handicappers, Killarney L. and Sahara. Chieftain met on numerous occasions and it was usually the one with the weight advantage that took the honors. Victoria's 14-day meeting in September was one of the best in years.

From the tournament angle golf suffered a slack year owing to the war. Highlight of the year was the appearance at Colwood in an exhibition match of Ralph Guldahl and Johnny Revolta, ranking United States professionals. Revolta, substituting for Sammy Snead, proved a crowd-pleaser. Veteran Frank Thomas won the men's city title for the third time while Miss Margaret Sutcliffe, young Oak Bay miss, crashed through to the women's city crown. Thomas won the men's tournament played over the 36-hole medal route for the first time. Various club competitions kept the members active throughout the year. One tournament that proved popular as ever, despite the conditions, was the annual seniors' affair. Dr. J. P. Loudon took the grand championship back to Yakima.

Box lacrosse was featured by the grand blow-up that wrecked the local city championship play-off. After a good league that produced many exciting engagements the wind-up was ruined when the Alerts dropped from the series over a player rumpus. The final between James Bay and Jokers was a foregone conclusion, with the former waiting through to the title. Jokers, after a bad start, provided the fans with plenty of thrills through the addition of Lynn and Murray Patrick and Porky Andrews to their line-up. Exhibition games with the powerful mainland clubs provided the customers with some first-class entertainment.

In the matter of titles, Victoria football experienced one of its greatest seasons. Victoria Longshoremen carried off the city and island championship and then breezed through the Vancouver opposition in the provincial play-off. Harknett Fuel copped the city and island senior B men's crowns but dropped the B.C. playoff. Spencer's Cardinals won the women's city and British Columbia honors, with Hunt's Garage taking the women's city and B.C. B championship.

With the annual British Columbia championships called off for the first time since the Great War, tennis experienced an off season. The provincial tournament has always provided local players and fans with their big moment of the year and its cancellation was a big let-down. The city championships at the Victoria Lawn attracted a good entry, with A. C. Brand and Paula Merrix taking the singles crowns.

Badminton fans had one of their biggest thrills in years with the visit of Jack Purcell, Canadian

champion of the world's professional championship. Recognized as just about the greatest performer in the history of the sport, Purcell's appearance resulted in a grand turnout. Although he confined his play to doubles owing to an injury, Purcell put on a grand show, ably supported by Johnny Samis, Vancouver; Eric Leney, Duncan, and local stars. The annual city tournament was abandoned for the year, owing to the absence of so many players, but officials are concentrating on putting over a successful island tournament next month.

Although Victoria failed to secure an arena despite a spirited drive under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, this city re-entered the hockey picture with organization of a Victoria team to play in the Vancouver Island Intermediate League, with all its games on the ice of the new Nanaimo rink. Much enthusiasm has been displayed by both the players and officials of the club and a first-ranking team has been built up mainly through the wealth of material stationed here with the services.

Football closed out its 1939-40 season in late spring with the Victoria United well up in the Coast League campaign after making a determined early season bid for the championship. North Shore wound up in first position, with the local club runner-up. The United opened the current campaign in somewhat different fashion, but after resting in the cellar spot for some time has now started to hit its stride, having marked up successive victories over Vancouver St. Saviours and Nanaimo. Victoria West made a clean-up of the silverware in the Victoria and District League and so far looks like a repeater this season.

One sport to really benefit from the war was alley bowling. With so many army, navy and air force men stationed in and around Victoria, bowling has grown in leaps and bounds. Both alleys report a big business increase, with a great many more leagues in operation. Towards the close of the year the first local tenpin tournament was held with a good response, including first-class out-of-town competition.

"We had an exceptionally good year... a larger membership in the five clubs... a very successful 13th annual summer tournament," said secretary Alec Playfair in reporting on local bowling and the Greater Victoria Lawn Bowling Association. He had a good word for the women members, who are numbering more every year and a great asset to the various clubs. Burnside Club's Ernie Myers copped the spotlight when he lifted the singles crown in the summer tournament, which attracted more than 300 bowlers from both sides of the border.

Highlight of 1940 in local English rugby is the present triumph of march of manager Bob McInnes' Crimson Tide toward Melchie Cup honors. The current season is about the finest ever molded here. Its record to date: Two wins in two starts; another win and the "old mud" is Victoria property for another year. There has been more rugby activity this year than in previous years, due to the operation of the services league in addition to the Victoria Rugby Union's regular league.

Tillicum Athletics romped home with the honors in the first division of the Victoria Baseball Association this year by defeating Pitzer and Nex in the final playoff. According to officials 1940 was a good year for the small apple game, total attendance at games being greater than any other season since the sport made its comeback. Several intercity features and games with touring colored teams drew good crowds at Athletic Park.

Promoter Jack Taylor had tough luck with his Langford Speedway auto races this year when he found himself unable to get enough American cars for his weekly races. The war took a number of the local drivers also and the speed programs petered out.

J.B.A.A. rowing club activities suffered from the war, 34 out of 38 members answering the call to the colors. The club carried on as best it could with a lot of young "green" material. Highlight of the year was participation in the Vancouver fall regatta, when the local eight lost out to University of Washington by about six inches. Dan Moses carried on as head coach of the club.

Table tennis had an excellent year at the new Strathcona Hotel headquarters. Champions were named early this month, with Wilmot Browne-Cave taking the men's singles title from the de-

fending champion, Ab Renfrew, and Mrs. L. Greenwood winning the women's singles from last year's winner, Barbara MacKay. Browne-Cave and Renfrew won the men's doubles title; Miss MacKay and Mrs. Greenwood, women's doubles; Miss MacKay and Vic Tully, mixed doubles; Sam Gagliardi, men's handicap singles, and Tommy Chattell, veterans singles.

Cricket season was not up to former years because of the war, which forced Incogs to drop out of play, players joining the forces and Seattle being unable to compete because of border regulations. Five C's captured the Victoria and District League championship and also the knockout competition. Two exhibition games were played with Vancouver, one here and one on the mainland, Victoria losing both.

Victoria Revellers presented Mr. and Mrs. Fan with one of the finest athletic performances of the year, even though they did not have the opportunity to really show their stuff. The senior Canadian football team coached by George Deacon and his assistants, Brother Paul Whalen and Jim Smith, swept the Three-V League undefeated, capturing the Lipton Cup. Because of the war the league schedule was shortened and playoffs dropped. "Revs" treated grid followers to sizzling action in the few games they played though, and are already talking about bringing American teams up here next year, which will mean a real bang-up season. This year was the second Revellers have played. Many of 1939's players were back carrying the blue and gold colors and a number of players new to Victoria saw action. This year's team captain was Dave Jenkins, smashing linesman.

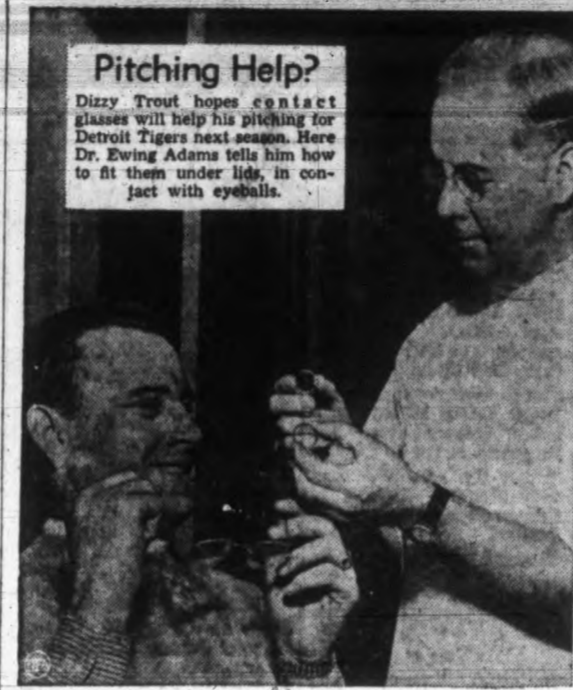
Speaking of Canadian football, junior play this year must not be forgotten. The city championship was won by V.H.S. Alumni, coached by Jim Smith, and the locals just missed taking provincial honors when they fell to defeat, 8 to 7, at hands of Vancouver Meralomas. That game at Macdonald Park marked the close of the season, April 15. The league gets under way again January 11. An interscholastic league composed of high school teams has been organized and this, too, will open play in January. The midweek league completed play this year. St. Louis College winning both the 120 and 100-pound divisions.

This year was the biggest and most successful in the history of the Victoria-Saanich Inlet Anglers' Association. Big-time competition, with an automobile for first prize, was introduced and resulted in the membership rising to an all-time high—better than 900. President Ray Ritchie and his executive are looking forward to just as successful a 1941 and wish to take this opportunity to convey to the members a hope the coming year will be a prosperous one for them.

Coach A. McKinnon's Flying "Y" track and field team had a lighter year than some previous seasons but nevertheless continued showing outstanding form. The squad took part in five Vancouver and local meets, scoring 37 wins, 37 seconds and 28 thirds. Joe Addison and Bill Thompson were outstanding members of the team. The former is now serving with the army. Margaret Junget hit her stride this year in women's competitions. Thompson and newcomer Vic Dale carried the field events. Outstanding junior runner of the year was Bill Clarke.

Swimming again had an excellent year, with the "Y" Swimming Club the dominating outfit of the city. The year marked amalgamation of the V.A.S.C. and the Pacific Club. Getting back to the "Y" group, there were 12 galas in Kelowna, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria in which the club was represented. One hundred and twenty-two wins were scored by the club in those galas; 104 seconds and 85 thirds. Twenty-one British Columbia titles were captured by "Y" swimmers. Gordon Lawrence won the Wrigley mile for the third consecutive year. He also captured the western Canadian mile grind. Bob Johnstone won the Junior Wrigley half-mile for his second year. He nosed out teammate Hugh Weston in the title swim. Other outstanding performers were Len Stark, Hazel Smith, Macrina Boothe, Phyllis and "Freddie" Pritchard.

Gymnastics enjoyed a championship winning year by members of the "Y" tumbling team, Doug Mars won the Pacific Northwest all-around championship at Seattle and Don Kerr was runner-up. The two boys repeated that performance at the B.C. open championships here, and the team title was captured by the locals as well.



Irvin Shows Them

Canadiens Threat

Bowl Battles

There was a striking parallel today between coach Dick Irvin of Montreal Canadiens and the man who drew nothing but laughs when he first sat down at the piano. The other National Hockey League moguls, of course, gave nothing but encouragement when Dick set out this season to mold a hockey team from a bunch of youngsters and the bare framework of a worn-out machine. But it all was given in a sort of "show me" attitude. Well, just as Irvin predicted, the Canadiens failed to set the league on fire in the early weeks, but in their last five games the club has won four.

Dorothy Little Tries Skating

BRIDGEWATER, N.S. (CP)—There's not much in common between tennis and ice skating, and if you don't believe it, ask Dorothy Round Little. This renowned British war evacuee went to the top in the net game, but here in Canada, she admits she's been taking her share of the bumps in trying to master the blades. Her ankles are strong after years of athletic strain, but there seems to be a certain general lack of balance which somehow assails every novice.

The two-time Wimbledon champion has been in Canada nearly half a year now and, in spite of occasional slumps of home-sickness, she thinks it's great. She said her 2½-year-old son, Ian, spent a Christmas that convinced them Canada makes a bigger thing of the Yuletide season than is customary in England.

Mrs. Little is looking forward to renewing acquaintances with Mary Hardwick within a few weeks. She plans to go to New York about the end of February, and hopes to see her former Wightman Cup teammate in action as a professional partner of Alice Marble.

They have corresponded regularly since Miss Hardwick reached America. After her American visit, Mrs. Little plans to go to Montreal. She has settled into the life of this community quietly and without fanfare. There are people in the town of 3,500 who don't know her to see her.

Now that she has added skates to her repertoire she's just as interested as ever only a mild turn in the weather has hindered her progress.

Football Match Carded Tomorrow

When all-star teams of the Victoria and District Football League meet at Athletic Park tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 seven former and present Victoria United players will be seen in action. They are Bobby Bell, Gordon Cooper, Scotty Stewart, Chuck Restall, Jack and Roy Okell and Alan Reside.

The clubs are being managed by Charles Lewis and Tommy Restall, and will be known as Greens and Blues. From these teams will be selected an all-star eleven to oppose Victoria United in an exhibition match later in the season.

Hockey Appears Headed Towards Greatest Year

Beckwith New Bowling Head

Harold Beckwith was elected president of the Greater Victoria Lawn Bowling Association at the annual meeting held recently at the Victoria West club. He succeeds D. C. Robertson, retiring, whose annual report showed 1940 as one of the most successful years in the association's history. A. W. Stewart was elected first vice-president and Major A. A. Warder second vice-president.

Alex Playfair, who has done a fine job as secretary, was re-elected to handle the secretarial duties for the coming year. A. Milnes was elected treasurer; A. McCallum and S. Barr, umpires, and G. B. Dixon and D. C. Robertson, auditors.

The retirement of Dave Dewar from active office was keenly regretted by all present. He is one of the game's most ardent workers. President Beckwith, speaking on behalf of the bowling fraternity, hoped the retiring officer would be able to enjoy many more years at watching the game. He is now unable to play, owing to illness.

The meeting set August 4 to 9 as the week for the 1941 annual midsummer tournament. The Peace Cup island singles championship was set for July 5. The Cameron, Nicol and Whitney Cup competitions will be played the same as in past years.

Jockeys Still Deadlocked

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Deadlocked with 286 winners each, Earl Dew and Walter Lee Taylor probably will decide the United States riding championship today in the hottest jockey scramble of turf history.

Both little fellows had one winner yesterday on widely-separated race tracks. Taylor booted Locked Out home in the second race at Tropical Park, Florida, and Dew came whizzing past the wire first in the second at Santa Anita, Arcadia, Calif., aboard Musical Jack. Taylor's mount paid \$11 to win and Dew's \$11.20. Taylor was second with Astrid in the fourth and third with Star Bud in the eighth. Dew, giving a great exhibition of riding, was in the money in five races. He was third in the third on Stella Gold, third in the fourth on Brown China, third in the seventh on Buckle Head, and third in the eighth aboard Cynic Queen.

RACING RESULTS

SANTA ANITA—Horse racing results here yesterday follow:
First race—Six furlongs: Servant Maid (Corbett) \$10.00 \$4.00 \$2.00; Milk Bar (Balsaki) 4.30 3.00; Valinda Knave (Westrop) 4.30 3.00; Time, 1:12.5. Also ran: Palm Clue, Agnus Chi, Wil Whithus, Withus, Bold Grafton, Tossie, El Gervasio.
Second race—Six furlongs: Musical Jack (Dew) \$11.20 \$5.00 \$4.00; Bowman (Pollard) 4.00 3.00; Old Whitley (Craigville) 4.00 3.00; Time, 1:12.4.5. Also ran: First Choice, Lady Thirteen, Black Highbrow, Coronado, Mister Major, Count Sherer, Rocco.
Third race—One mile: Quercus (Adams) \$12.80 \$5.00 \$3.20; Gay Male (Bassett) 8.00 4.00; Stella Gold (Dew) 2.00 1.00; Time, 1:42.2.5. Also ran: Miss Grif, Conchella, Janson.
Fourth race—Six furlongs: Transient (Skelly) \$14.00 \$6.00 \$3.00; Valley Boy (Westrop) 4.00 3.00; Brown China (Dew) 2.00 1.00; Time, 1:12.3.5. Also ran: Scotty Pride, Zebedee, Lady Van, Herocaret, Lady Corema, Justice Day.
Fifth race—Seven furlongs: Roman Governor (Wall) \$40.00 \$10.00 \$5.00; Bull Reigh (James) 3.00 2.00; Sun Boy (Bassett) 3.00 2.00; Time, 1:24.2.5. Also ran: Intuition, Royal Marlboro, Rail Fence, Rough News.
Sixth race—Six furlongs: Callie Colors (Westrop) \$11.00 \$4.00 \$2.00; Heather Time (Skelly) 3.40 2.20; Buckle Head (Revel) 4.00 3.00; Time, 1:12.1.5. Also ran: King Torch, Mad Sue, Airsabel.
Seventh race—One mile: Arise (Bierman) \$11.80 \$6.00 \$4.20; Diavolo Cliff (Londren) 10.00 5.00; Buckle Head (Revel) 4.00 3.00; Time, 1:41.1.5. Also ran: Orndee, African Queen, Iron Hills.
Eighth race—One mile and a sixteenth: Nemont (Skelly) \$14.00 \$8.00 \$5.00; Leven Miss (McCreary) 18.00 9.00; Cynic Queen (Dew) 5.00 3.00; Time, 1:49.2.5. Also ran: Royal Sottie, Tyrre, Happy Heather, Easy Sailing, Jargon, Giles County, Shasta Racket, Ebony Moon.

A solution containing one part in 10,000 of viper venom has been found effective as a local application to stop bleeding.

Hockey Standings

	N.H.L.	Goals
	W. L. T. F. A. P.	
Toronto	14 6 1 62 41 29	
Detroit	9 6 5 47 41 23	
Boston	8 7 4 69 50 20	
Chicago	7 9 4 45 51 18	
Rangers	7 9 3 51 52 17	
Canadiens	7 9 2 42 49 16	
Americans	5 11 5 36 68 15	
	COAST LEAGUE	
Spokane	10 6 3 49 46 23	
Vancouver	9 10 4 67 60 22	
Seattle	8 9 5 65 68 21	
Portland	10 12 0 59 66 20	

Spokane Plays Tie With Lions

VANCOUVER (CP)—Vancouver Lions became sole occupants of second place in the Coast Hockey League here last night when they held the league-leading, Spokane Bombers to a 3 to 3 overtime tie in a fast, wide-open game in which not a single penalty was called.

Guy Patrick, manager of the Lions, said last night that Lulu Lennon, Lion forward who leads the circuit in scoring, had been suspended from the team. Patrick also announced that Mark Maevety, young forward recruited this season from Edmonton, had been released.

Lennon had been waging a one-man strike since Christmas Day, when Patrick fined him a week's pay for alleged neglect of an injured leg. Patrick claimed that Lennon had worked at another job, while he was supposed to be recuperating. The Lion manager said that permission to work during the period of treatment had not been given by the club doctor authorized to treat Lennon.

Carpet Bowlers Resume Schedule

Complete second half schedule for clubs in the A and B sections of the Victoria Carpet Bowling League was announced yesterday. Clubs in A section will resume play on January 8 and teams in D division on the night following.

Schedule follows:	A SECTION
January 8	S.O.E. Republic vs. Britannia Royals
January 15	Britannia Horshoes vs. C.G. Burnside
January 22	Britannia Maple Leafs vs. C.G. Spades
January 29	C.G. Spades vs. Britannia Horshoes
January 31	Britannia Royals vs. S.O.E. Lions
February 5	C.G. Burnside vs. C.G. Spades
February 12	S.O.E. Republic vs. Britannia Horshoes
February 19	S.O.E. Lions vs. Britannia Maple Leafs
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"We wish them to know that we are carrying on to the best of our ability and striving to do everything we can to make our city an even better place to live in. To our members on active service we send a special greeting, with the hope that the work they have volunteered to do will be completed during the coming year."

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AT Y.W.C.A. GALA DANCE—At the Shrine auditorium last evening the Y.W.C.A. held one of its series of dances for the men of the services. Fancy caps, favors and other carnival features made it a gala affair to celebrate the wind-up of 1940.

TOWN TOPICS

A car driven by Walter Wilkins, 741 Herald Street, and a cyclist, Roger Brayshaw, 1236 Bay Street, collided at 6.15 last night at Blanchard and View Streets. Brayshaw received a bruised and cut ankle.

Considerable damage was done to automobiles driven by Reginald J. Freng, Gordon Head Military Camp, and Ronald Mercer, 5 Boyd Street, when they collided at Fort and Douglas Streets at 12.07 last night.

A party for the Victoria Boys' Band to be given for the boys on Friday night in the Legion Hall, View Street, commencing at 7.30. There will be games and competitions, followed by a supper.

The monthly meeting of the China Inland Mission Prayer Fellowship will be held tonight at 7.45 in the Y.W.C.A. E. Dunn, who is on furlough from China, will show moving pictures of recent flood conditions in Tientsin, North China.

The holiday at home at the Knights of Columbus hut at Queen of Peace Church, Esquimalt, will be held next Sunday evening, starting at 8.30. There will be an entertainment and refreshments and the committee will present each sailor, soldier and airman with a package of cigarettes.

On New Year's Day there will be letter carriers' deliveries in the morning. Rural mail deliveries, however, will be suspended for the day. Wickets will be open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and the Post Office lobby will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All mails due to be dispatched will be made up as usual.

Inquest into the death of Michael Gould, infant son of Sgt. and Mrs. C. A. Gould, 1236 Styles Street, Victoria West, was postponed at Sand's Mortuary today until Thursday, January 9, at 10.30. Jury consisted of William Passmore, foreman; Harry Williams, Donald Robinson, William Gardiner, Gordon Fish, Harold Burnett and Albert Longhurst.

Both wagons at the Oak Bay Fire Hall were called out yesterday afternoon to extinguish a fire in the home of Commander J. M. Grant, R.C.N., 601 Transit Road, which completely gutted the basement. Damage was estimated at \$500. After an hour's battle firemen prevented the flames

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Victoria Boy Hurt in Crash

Aircraftman Dennis Maxey, 20, of Victoria, was seriously injured last night when the automobile in which he was riding overturned at a level crossing near Lachute, Quebec, four miles east of Montreal. Five other R.C.A.F. men were shaken up.

His father, Sergeant John Maxey of the military headquarters staff at Victoria, was unaware of the accident that befell his son until a friend showed him a newspaper report. He left his office at the Armories immediately to inform his wife, who was at their apartment in the Woolworth Building.

"We're very anxious, naturally," Sergeant Maxey said, when he came to the Times office seeking further news. "I guess no news is good news."

The father wired a Montreal hospital, but received no reply this morning.

Young Maxey was pinned under the car when it struck a rut and spilled the other men on the railway right-of-way. He was taken to a Montreal hospital suffering from a broken shoulder and possible spinal and internal injuries.

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WALKER — Funeral service will be conducted by Canon F. A. P. Chadwick at the Sands Mortuary Thursday afternoon at 2 for Duncan Irvine Walker, former superintendent of the power plant at Jordan River and latterly proprietor of the hotel there. The remains will be cremated at Royal Oak.

BINNIE — Mrs. Agnes Binnie, wife of Charles Binnie, died at the family residence, 2829 Dysart Street, aged 85 years. She was born in Scotland and had been here for 16 years. Funeral service will be held on Thursday at 2 in McCall Brothers' Funeral Chapel. Rev. John Turner will officiate interment at Colwood.

CHURCHMAN — Mrs. Eva Churchman, widow of James Churchman, of 2185 Epworth Street, Oak Bay, died yesterday at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, aged 82. She was born in London, England, and had been a resident of this city for 15 years, and was predeceased in 1936 by her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Oakman. Private funeral service will be held at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel on Thursday afternoon at 1; interment at Royal Oak.

CAMPBELL — Rev. Father J. R. Monaghan celebrated mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral this morning for Mrs. Mollie Campbell, after which the remains were interred at Ross Bay. Pallbearers were: M. Parley, E. Baldwin, C. Thompson, D. Birch, A. Linskill and A. Campbell.

CHIBREE — Lillian Chibree, formerly of Victoria, who was admitted to hospital Friday when found unconscious in her room, died Monday.

DARBY — Funeral service was held yesterday afternoon in St. John's Church for Mrs. Betty Joan Darby. Rev. George Biddle conducted the service. Interment at Royal Oak. Pallbearers: W. G. Rice, L. G. Gray, T. Larson, A. J. Parmiter, W. C. Williams and D. Humphries.



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KING — Rev. T. G. Griffiths conducted the funeral of Mrs. Agnes King from the Sands Mortuary Chapel this morning. Interment Royal Oak. Pallbearers: J. Brett, C. A. Turner, A. Wells and B. Long.

FIELD — Rev. H. M. Bolton will conduct the funeral service for Mrs. Annie Marjorie Field at St. Mary's Church, Metchosh, tomorrow afternoon at 2. Interment in the churchyard.

KNIGHT — Funeral service was held yesterday afternoon for William Knight in McCall Brothers' Funeral Chapel. Rev. T. H. McAllister conducted; pallbearers: W. Paxton, J. Neilson, S. Rodman, Bert Howard, A. Denger and W. C. Hamilton.

BRADBURY — Rev. T. R. Lancaster conducted last rites at Holy Trinity Church, Patricia Bay, yesterday afternoon for Charles Alfred Benjamin Bradbury. Pallbearers were: C. Moses, A. F. Kinneer, T. Sauvary, H. Horth, T. Fisher and D. Moses. The remains were laid to rest in Holy Trinity Churchyard. Hayward's B.C. Funeral Company were directors.

No Increase Here In Bread Prices

Although Vancouver bakers announce a bread price increase of one cent per loaf, Victoria bakers do not anticipate a similar move here.

T. P. McConnell, secretary of the Victoria Master Bakers' Association, said: "There has been no talk of increasing bread prices here."

The Housewives' League of British Columbia telegraphed a protest to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board at Ottawa from Vancouver. The housewives charged the increase was not justified as there had been no boost in the prices of lard, sugar, salt or flour.

The Master Bakers' Association of Vancouver said highest cost of materials, distribution, and wages had necessitated price increases. Vancouver bakers made a similar increase early in August but the action was then nullified by order of the Wartime Prices Board.

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More Sun, Less Rain During 1940

Victoria this year had more sunshine and less rain than usual.

For 2,246 hours during 365 days ending last night—this was Leap Year—the sun shone down brilliantly on Victoria. The summer was perfect, with long, warm days, not too hot. Sunshine this year was 37 hours above normal, plus today's. Last year the sun shone 2,127 hours, which was 82 hours below normal.

Total rainfall for the year was 23.84 inches, which was 5.21 inches below normal. Last year the rainfall totaled 26.75 inches. Heaviest rainfall in 24 hours was 1.39 inches on September 26. There was practically no snow—

1.3 inches being reported in November.

The maximum temperature was 89 degrees on August 17. Minimum was 28 degrees November 10.

Heaviest wind was 54 miles per hour on November 7.

Japan's war problems include shortage of industrial salt, and industrialists plan to make caustic soda from sea water.

Fa. iers an" city folks are becoming more and more alike, due to the process of suburbanization; says a sociologist.

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The Marx Brothers are back and that means a return of laughs, non-sense, merriment, burlesque, music and all-round happiness. Yes, Groucho, Chico and Harpo are in town again, this time at the Dominion Theatre.

"Go West," their newest comedy, will headline the New Year's Eve midnight show. They were never funnier, with more comedy scenes than there are legs on a centipede, and more individual laughs than there are fishes in the sea. This time they poke fun at the early west in a hilarious way. They go out west in 1870 to Colorado's gold fields—and they tear the west to bits. The picture has its share of

music, with Carroll showing a grand voice with "As If I Didn't Know" and "Ridin' the Range," Miss MacCloy introducing "You Can't Argue with Love," a sure hit tune, Chico "shooting the

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Capitol

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OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



Uncle Ray

Party Lost Way on Trip Through Desert

After driving across the part of Africa known as Tunis, Holmboe and Tarbox passed into the Italian colony of Libya. They reached the city of Tripoli.

In Tripoli's market square, a number of Arab boys were playing marbles. One of them saw the travelers and dashed forward to ask to carry their baggage.



Twelve-year-old Mohammed

The boy was 12 years old, and had been named Mohammed, in honor of the olden prophet who started the Mohammedan religion. He was pleased when Holmboe talked to him in the Arabic language.

After a time Mohammed asked to go on the trip to Egypt. He said his father was dead. His stepfather agreed to let the boy make the journey.

The automobile was loaded with food and water, and several extra cans of gasoline. The route was charted within easy range of the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

Desert travelers think of water more than they think of food. The trip from Tripoli to Egypt was planned so there could be stops at oases and wells along the way.

One stopping place was a small well known as Bir Meduma. Though travelers used the well, there was no settlement, not even a single house, beside it.

Leading out from Bir Meduma, they saw tracks which looked like the imprint of car wheels. They thought these must lead to the fort which was to be the next point where they could obtain food and water.

Time after time, the car tires were mended until at last there was no patching tape left.

The car was left in the desert, and the three walked back to the Bir Meduma well. Tarbox, who felt very ill, stayed there while Holmboe and the Arab boy headed toward the southeast. Near the coast they found a well with water which was somewhat salty, but they could locate no village.

Some empty bottles were lying about, and they filled four of them with water. Thus refreshed, they kept looking about until they found a trail which led to a fort.

After reaching the fort, they asked that help be sent to Tarbox. Soon he was brought to safety, and all three were made as comfortable as possible.

Many other adventures were met on the trip to Egypt. We cannot take them up at this time, but I wish to make note that the journey ended happily. Holmboe wrote a book about it, with the title, "Desert Encounter."

Wheat Shortage In Orient Lands

WASHINGTON (AP)—Although the Orient's 1940 wheat crop was larger than in 1939, acute shortage is reported in China, Japan and Manchuria, according to a summary by the United States Agriculture Department. Control measures, which have reduced the movement of wheat to market, and increased use of wheat as a substitute for rice, were factors contributing to the shortage.

Prospects for large imports of foreign wheat and flour into the Orient, the department said, are not bright. China, it said, would take considerable flour if shipping facilities were available.

"A potential market for 40,000 to 50,000 tons (in China) is believed to exist," the department reported. "Since Australia is unable to obtain shipping space, some quantities have been purchased from Canada, and further purchases from the United States would be considered, it is reported, if prices were about 10 per cent lower."

SHAWNIGAN LAKE

SHAWNIGAN LAKE—Thirty-five children of the Shawnigan United Church Sunday school sat down to a supper arranged by the teachers and members of the W.A. Games and contests were played and the minister, Mr. Moore presented prizes.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



IF YOU'RE ASKED TO BRING HOME A CALENDAR, BE VERY THANKFUL IT ISN'T AN AZTEC CALENDAR. THEY WERE MADE OF STONE AND SOMETIMES WEIGHED TWENTY TONS.



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IN MOST PRINTING, HOW DO THE QUOTATION MARKS AT THE BEGINNING OF A QUOTATION DIFFER FROM THOSE AT THE CLOSE.

ANSWER: The tails point in opposite directions. The marks at the beginning are two inverted commas, while two apostrophes are used at the close.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

DEAR MISS DIX—I am a widow 30 years old and a married man who has a small son wishes to get a divorce from his wife and marry me. He says this would be all right with his wife. Do you think that I should go and talk the matter over with his wife? Do you think it unwise to do such a thing as break up a home?

STELLA.

Answer: I think that breaking up a home is far worse than unwise. It is criminal. But apparently taking a husband away from a wife who wishes to get rid of him doesn't fall under the head of robbery. It isn't even petty larceny. It is an accommodation. So that does put a different face on the matter.

Certainly I should advise you to go and have a heart-to-heart talk with the wife. Get her views on the matter and be guided accordingly. If she still loves him and wants to keep him, you should recognize her prior right and leave her to enjoy her property in peace. On the other hand, she might give you such a description of the faults and foibles of her spouse that you might consider him a poor risk and call the affair off.

I have always thought that the woman who was marrying a divorced man could get a lot of valuable information from the ex-wife if they could only talk him over together.

DOROTHY DIX.

DEAR MISS DIX—Last year we took a country place and were so overrun with our in-laws that we do not know whether to try the experiment over again or not. My daughter and I spent the whole summer sweating in the kitchen preparing meals for company. What do you suggest?

MRS. J.

Answer: It is the common experience of all who have country places, and that is why there are so many "For Sale" signs on rural property. All of everybody's chiseling friends and relatives descend upon them to eat them out of house and home. And nobody knows any way of getting rid of the pests.

DOROTHY DIX.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL

1 Vice-President elect of the U.S.A.
12 Shoe bottom.
13 Axiom.
14 To lounge about.
16 Bear constellation.
17 Changed position.
18 Fish, burbot.
19 Crawled.
21 Moringa seed.
22 Pastry cook.
23 Company (abbr.).
24 Sluggishness.
27 Ream (abbr.).
28 White fur.
31 To strip blubber.
34 Whole number.
38 Lion.
39 Waltz.
41 Expert flier.
42 Florentine.

VERTICAL

43 Guitar.
44 Constructed.
46 Street (abbr.).
48 Plural pronoun.
49 Fissure.
52 Made of oatmeal.
56 Cetacean.
57 Beast of burden.
58 He was Secretary of 11 Those that

Answer to Previous Puzzle

12 He — John Garner in office.
15 He attempted to solve the problems.
20 Those that tint.
22 Voting tickets.
25 Born.
26 Provided.
29 Money factory.
30 Indian.
32 Ever (contr.).
33 Neither.
35 To gossip.
36 Small shield.
37 Coin.
40 Helping.
45 Pertaining to the moon.
47 Balsam.
49 Inlet.
50 Evergreen tree.
51 Japanese fish.
53 Every.
54 To make lace.
55 Rattle bird.

Boots and Her Buddies



By Martin

Wash Tubbs



By Roy Crane

Mr. and Mrs.



By Arthur Folwell and Ellison Hoover

Alley Oop



By V. T. Hamlin

Freckles and His Friends



By Merrill Blosser

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

Hitler's 1941 Message

BERLIN (AP)—In a boastfully worded year-end order of the day, Hitler today declared "the year 1941 will bring completion of the greatest victory of our history."

Victory will come, he declared, because Germany stands "armed as never before."

"It is the will of the democratic war inciters and their Jewish-capitalistic wirepullers that the war must be continued," he asserted.

Hitler made no mention in his message of President Roosevelt's Sunday night speech calling for increased war aid to Britain.

In a New Year's message to National Socialists (Nazis), Hitler said Germany fights for her right against a vast coalition of democracies, capitalists and Jews to seek to destroy the Reich.

He said "Providence, in a year of extraordinary accomplishment, shielded Germany from a conspiracy of scorn and hatred."

Hitler denied that Germany or Italy would attempt to conquer the world. On the contrary, "world-conquering nations declared war on Germany," he said.

Says Audacity Unequaled

The message to the army was issued in the form of an order of the day, which follows:

"Soldiers!

"In the war year of 1940 the National Socialist armed forces of the greater German Reich won the most glorious victories of unparalleled greatness.

"With unequalled audacity the enemy was defeated on land, at sea, in the air.

"All tasks which I was compelled to demand of you were accomplished by your heroic courage and your soldierly ability.

"You have conquered the fighting forces of our opponents through the power of arms, but conquered morally territories taken possession of by you through your proud conduct and exemplary discipline.

"Thus, thanks to your soldierly qualities, we succeeded in a few months of world historic struggle in giving success supplementarily to the vain, heroic fight of the German armed forces in the World War, and definitely in eradicating the disgrace of oppression in Compiègne Forest.

"I thank you, my soldiers of the army, navy and air force, as your supreme commander, for your incomparable accomplishments. But I thank you also in the name of the entire German people.

They Remember Italy's Soldiers

"We remember the comrades who gave their lives in this struggle for the future of our people. We similarly think of the courageous soldiers of allied Fascist Italy.

"It is the will of the democratic war inciters and their Jewish-capitalistic wirepullers that the war must be continued. Representatives of the shattering world hope perhaps in 1941 still to achieve what they failed to achieve in the past.

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"Soldiers of the National Socialist armed forces of the greater Reich, the year 1941 will bring completion of the greatest victory of our history."

Goering Continues His Boasting

Hitler's statement was followed by messages to their respective commands from Goering, Commander of the Air Force; Field Marshal Walther von Brauchitsch, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, and Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the Navy.

Goering boasted that "British bombing raids had caused no military damage in Germany, and declared the German air force had 'fulfilled' Hitler's pledge of 'one-hundredfold retaliation.'"

"At present," he told the Nazi airman, "you, besides our naval forces, are the main pillars of the direct fight against England."

Von Brauchitsch proclaimed faith of the army in Hitler, and declared that "with this faith in him we shall also defeat the last remaining foe."

He closed his message with the slogan: "Forward with God for Germany." Raeder's message said the German fleet had "severely shaken England's position in the world."

He expressed the conviction the navy would carry on "with all power and the highest courage to final victory in steadfast belief in the future of Greater Germany."

Admits Providence Stronger Than Men

Hitler's message to National Socialist Party members said:

"The mighty and unique developments of 1940 had for humanity revolutionary significance, the full import of which will be realized only by later generations. . . . We who live in this time cannot but realize that Providence is stronger than individual men."

Hitler said that as far back as 1933 opponents employed every means to hinder Nazi aspirations.

"Infernal hate" was manifested not only against German goods, he added, but against the German people and "democratic papers even in the smallest lands" regarded it as their privilege "to scold the greatest middle European power, insult its leading men, ridicule its government and agitate for military violence against it."

Every effort on the part of Germany to be co-operative in the society of nations was "repulsed with cynicism," he said, and Germany was exploited by plutocrats.

Many Emigrants 'Characterless'

"Characterless emigrants," Hitler went on, "joined with Jewish parasites who had left the Reich, cast suspicion on the German people and its leadership and thus helped generate a psychosis which sooner or later was bound to lead to war."

"For centuries some nations—headed by the English—have carried their wars over the world and robbed with force all they could gather, oppressed and impoverished great peoples totaling millions and, in such manner, built their so-called empires of blood and tears."

Says He Made 'Peace Offer'

Hitler recapitulated his "peace offer" to Britain and France of October 6, 1939, and expressed scorn for "the practices of democratic war criminals" who, he said, label any German peace move as "weakness."

Hitler asserted Winston Churchill's "babbling" revealed just in the "right hour" that he had designs on Norway so that German counter-measures could be made promptly.

Hitler said that if the British contend France stopped fighting unnecessarily, his report is that the first to give up the battle in the west were the British divisions.

"When we attacked, the British army had only one thought, which was to leave the continent as fast as possible, using the Hollanders, Belgians and French to cover their retreat," he asserted.

After completion of the action in the west, he said, he appealed again to Britain to "end this senseless war."

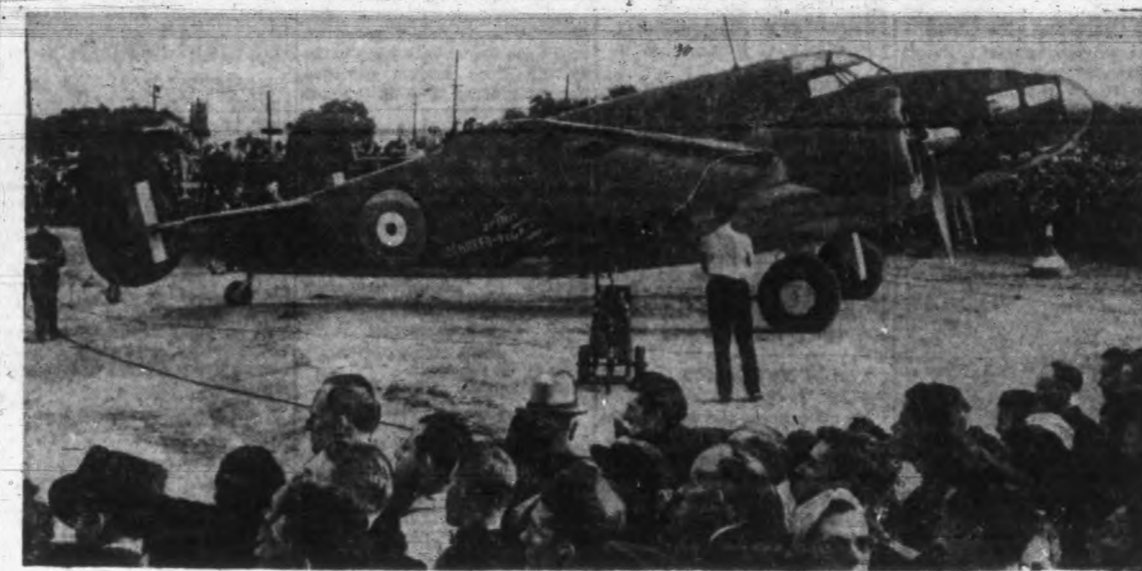
"A wave of anger swept through capitalistic war profiteers," he charged.

Sees No Defeat In Italy's Direction

Mentioning Italy, he pronounced "childish" any British "hope for gains by incidental actions far removed from the central operations of the war."

He said Britain had bombed

Gift of Aircraft Workers, Lockheed Bomber Reaches England



Here are some of the 20,000 Lockheed and Vega Aircraft Company employees who gave a Lockheed Hudson bomber as a Christmas gift to Britain. The deed of transfer said the gift was made "for and in consideration and recognition of the courage, sacrifice, loyalty, splendid service and valiant spirit evidenced by the people of His

Majesty's government in the United Kingdom." The plane was flown across the Atlantic and yesterday the British Minister of Aircraft Production, Lord Beaverbrook, announced it arrived safely on December 29.

KYSER AT ATLAS NEW YEAR'S EVE

Mystery to the crash of cymbals, spooked to the boom-boom of drums, murder to the tootle of trumpets! That's the melodrama a Kay Kyser, his band and the College of Musical Knowledge the gala New Year's Eve show at the Atlas tonight.

That's "You'll Find Out," and the title is a threat, a promise and an answer.

The most important answer is that you'll find out that Kay Kyser belongs as much to the screen as he does to the air waves. The combination of his rare and loving personality, his homespun wit that borders on the wacky, and his talents for directing a musical organization and creating a program of a blend of melodies and mirth, put him in the enviable spot of being without competition.

'HIT PARADE' LATE PLAZA MATINEE

A movie gossip writer, snooping about Frances Langford's dressing-room on the Republic lot during the filming of "Hit Parade of 1941," which is the midnight feature at the Plaza Theatre tonight, might have been startled to see Miss Langford and Kenny Baker deep in a kiss! But looking further, the scribe would have been disillusioned — for Director John Auer, far worse than being a mere chaperon, was "directing" the kiss during a rehearsal!

Sol C. Siegel was associate producer on the film which features such famous supporting stars as Hugh Herbert, Mary Boland and Ann Miller.

SEA EPIC YORK MIDNIGHT SHOW

The roaring action of battles on the high seas, the thrilling, smashing action of two vessels fighting for supremacy is unfolded with terrific impact and amazing realism in Hal Roach's "Captain Caution," the sweeping sea epic based on Kenneth Roberts' best seller, which will have its local premiere at the York Theatre midnight show tonight.

Starred in the film are Victor Mature and Louise Platt and in prominent supporting roles are such favorites as Leo Carrillo, Bruce Cabot, Vivienne Osborne, Robert Barrat and Miles Mander. The screenplay for the production was written by the noted scenarist, Grover Jones.

PLAZA THEATRE

All the colorful atmosphere of the tropics and all the musicianship of the noted composer Jerome Kern went into the making of Universal's fast-moving romantic comedy, "One Night in the Tropics," now at the Plaza Theatre. Starring Allan Jones, Nancy Kelly, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, and Robert Cummings as key figures in an impressive cast, the new film brings to the screen what is rated one of the most novel stories of recent years.

German towns for three and one-half months in "criminal night attacks" before Germany retaliated.

He called the attacks a "Churchill policy" against which, he said, Germany had issued repeated warnings and was taunted with statements that she was incapable of doing likewise.

"But since the middle of September," Hitler declared, "the idea may have penetrated that it was humanity which held us back so long."

"Now this war will be carried on to its ultimate consequence."



Jean Collin, beautiful singing star, who appears with the ace British comedian, Tommy Trinder, in "Laugh It Off" currently playing at the York Theatre. Miss Collin first came to the attention of Canadian audiences by her beautiful singing in the film version of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado." In the hilarious "Laugh It Off" she is Tommy's best girl—the girl he decides to take with him when he is drafted into the army. The results provide some of the most boisterous screen fare for many years and are further proof of why Tommy is known as England's Ambassador of Buffoonery.

'Northwest Mounted' Showing Tomorrow

The glorious story of the North West Mounted's fight against rebellious half-breeds in Canada is told in Cecil B. DeMille's production for Paramount, "North West Mounted Police," which will open tomorrow at the Atlas Theatre. Gary Cooper is starred in one of his greatest roles. Madeleine Carroll is starred as a gallant nurse. The picture unfolds a stirring narrative which finds the Mounted, overwhelmed by thousands of half-breeds and the threat of revolt by Indian tribes, lashing back in all the fury of their great tradition.

Capitol to Show 'Mark of Zorro'

Out of the black of night rides a bold masked adventurer, his sword striking terror in every heart—his flashing smile and reckless daring winning the love of the senorita in all of Old California!

It's Tyrone Power in "The Mark of Zorro," his latest starring picture for 20th Century-Fox, which will open at the Capitol Theatre tomorrow, with Linda Darnell and Basil Rathbone at the head of the featured cast. In this most famous of all screen roles, Power scores, while Linda is lovelier than anyone you have ever seen on the screen.

Others who shine in the brilliant featured cast include Rathbone, Gale Sondergaard, Eugene Pallette, J. Edward Bromberg and many others.

RIO THEATRE

Charles Starrett, Columbia's buckaroo star of colorful western productions, gallops across the silver screen again in a swiftly-paced new screen drama, flavored with prairie ballads, in "The Colorado Trail," now at the Rio Theatre. Iris Meredith, his leading lady, and Bob Nolan with the singing "Sons of the Pioneers" head an excellent supporting cast, including such western favorites as Dick Curtis, Ed Le Saint, Alan Bridge, Ed Pell Sr., and Hank Bell.

OAK BAY THEATRE

Martha Scott and William Holden are the young bride and groom whose romance leads to the altar, one of the big scenes in Sol Lesser's "Our Town," dramatic film version of the Pulitzer Prize Play directed by

Elmore Philpott

IS IT THIS YEAR?

AT THIS PARTICULAR period of the year the question uppermost in many minds is: Will the war be over by next Christmas? How long is it likely to last?

This is a question which no one can attempt to answer with any degree of assurance. We have already seen in this struggle, and before it, that long lulls are followed by outbursts of most frenzied activity. In the same way, it is possible that when the last stage of the war begins the whole thing may wind itself up with almost dizzy swiftness.

We have seen how the picture can change, overnight, in a minor theatre of war such as Albania, or Egypt. The same principle may apply to the real fight—that between the British Commonwealth and the German dictatorship. Nevertheless it is possible to explore some of the ground which seems necessary to be passed before there is any hope of the really final decision which means the end of hostilities.

Let us keep clearly in mind that there are only three ways in which peace could come:

1. That there should be a saw-off peace by negotiation—which in my opinion would be about the greatest disaster possible to contemplate, as it would be merely a truce—preliminary to the most frantic armament race in history, and another later inevitable conflict.

2. That the Germans should successfully invade Britain, and dictate a peace there; or so successfully blockade Britain by submarine that we would have to sue for peace.

3. That Britain and her associates should break the will of the Germans to resist, as in 1918, and the German government be forced to surrender.

NO ARMCHAIR WAR

It is not my purpose in this article to explore the strange line-up behind the drive for a peace by negotiation. It is sufficient to note that in the United States, where it is now in the open in full cry, it is the avowed enemies of Britain like Senator Rush Holt, who have played the Nazi game from the very first that are still doing so in this respect.

I purposely include possibility No. 2 — a German victory — because it is not my purpose in this article to explore the strange line-up behind the drive for a peace by negotiation. It is sufficient to note that in the United States, where it is now in the open in full cry, it is the avowed enemies of Britain like Senator Rush Holt, who have played the Nazi game from the very first that are still doing so in this respect.

GEORGE FORMBY IN COMEDY HIT

"Keep Your Seats, Please," the smash comedy featuring George Formby, who scored such a big hit in "It's in the Air," opened today at the Dominion Theatre. This masculine Gracie Fields provides plenty of laughs, excitement and thrills.

Gus McNaughton, Harry Tate and Alastair Sim help the famous Lancashire lad in a variety of comedy situations, spiced with songs such as only the inimitable Formby can sing them.

CADET THEATRE

Greer Garson as the heroine of Jane Austen's delightful romantic comedy, "Pride and Prejudice," in which the lovely English actress co-stars with Laurence Olivier in a madcap romance of a lady who stoops to conquer in a race for the most eligible bachelor in town. The picture, now at the Cadet Theatre, boasts a brilliant supporting cast, with featured roles played by Mary Boland, Edna May Oliver, Maureen O'Sullivan, Ann Rutherford and Frieda Inescort under the direction of Robert Z. Leonard.

Sam Wood and currently showing at the Oak Bay Theatre through United Artists release.

Churchill in Wartime

No Amusements, Just Work, As He Lives for Victory

By HUGH WAGNON
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON (AP) — Winston Churchill is giving full measure of the "blood, tears, toil and sweat" which he told Britain were all he had to offer when he became the Empire's war leader.

The vigorous 66-year-old Prime Minister lives to win the war.

He bends every moment to war service, wasting hardly a minute or thought on anything but that paramount object to which he is devoting the wide experience, great talent and contagious energy with which he seems able to endow the whole Empire.

He works an average of 17 hours a day at this task.

Mr. Churchill keeps 10 secretaries on the run, confers daily with the war cabinet and other key ministers. As his own defence minister, he keeps in closest touch with developments and strategy in every corner of the Empire, every phase of the Imperial war effort.

From the time he arises—usually about 7 a.m.—he expends his prodigious energy without a let-up until he finally gets to bed, generally about midnight, but sometimes as late as 3 a.m.

There is no time in his crowded day for amusements. Even his enjoyment of the parliamentary give-and-take in the House of Commons has been curtailed. Sometimes he is absent, leaving his deputy, Clement R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal, to answer questions in his behalf. Mr. Churchill has little time for ordinary family life but he sees Mrs. Churchill every day and the rest of the family "as much as possible." There are frequent family dinners.

Has Conferences Over His Meals

Since even a Prime Minister must eat, he makes use of luncheons and dinners to see many persons he otherwise could not accommodate on his calendar. Many persons, however, see him every day—"too many to remember," a secretary says. The war cabinet meets before luncheon, and a parade of generals, admirals, air marshals and intelligence officers last throughout the afternoon and often into the night.

Mr. Churchill gets no regular exercise except that of striding about Whitehall or walking tirelessly on tours of inspection of fighting commands, defence areas and bombed sectors. He wants to see for himself. To sum it up, an aide says, "he works like a beaver; duty gives him no alternative."

Incessant work has even forced a reduction of the Prime Minister's cigar smoking. He now consumes about six long Havanas a day instead of the 10 or dozen in less urgent times.

As First Lord of the Admiralty—the post he held during the first Great War and resumed at the start of the present hostilities—Mr. Churchill lived at Admiralty House a few steps from the Admiralty itself. A telephone stood beside his bed so he could be informed constantly of anything extraordinary. He still keeps a telephone at his bedside—but where that is has been kept a state secret.

Hearty Breakfast Starts His Day

His day begins with a cup of tea, followed by the usual hearty English breakfast — porridge, kippers or kidney (both of which are rationed) and eggs, topped off with toast and marmalade and coffee.

Then he reads the morning papers, digests dispatches and correspondence. Some sifting is done by his confidential secretaries, but he keeps this to a minimum because he likes to know everything that is going on. A voracious reader in peacetime, he now confines his reading to these chores, perusing nothing beyond official communications and newspapers.

He disposes of an immense mail with lightning rapidity. A master of organization, he tackles the stacks of papers systematically, dictating terse general instructions to two women secretaries and leaving secondary matters to subordinates. On matters involving major policy, he digs to the bottom himself, evolving

minute instructions which he insists must be followed to the letter.

Mr. Churchill employed as many as half a dozen secretaries during his private life, so it is easy to see why he would need 10 of them now. He generally is considered easy to work with, but his temper flares awesomely when he is displeased.

He is ordinarily conservative in routine matters, but liberal in outlook, and likes to slash "red tape" when it hampers direct action.

In an effort to speed tedious governmental machinery, he instituted a system of stickers bearing the label "for action this day"—which means exactly that. And woe to those who fail to act at once on documents bearing this urgent command.

The two women secretaries take turns in keeping up with his dictation, which is apt to erupt any time. He has been known suddenly to call them in at late hour and start a rush of work.

Breaks Matchsticks As He Speaks

He speaks rapidly, meanwhile breaking matchsticks into bits and throwing them about on the floor. Sometimes he jumps to his feet to emphasize a point, then bounces back into his chair.

At table, he eats "what he can"—and his taste is catholic. One of his favorite dishes is famous: "The roast beef of old England." He also enjoys a thick steak, rare.

At luncheon with a group, he slouches comfortably in a chair, eats and talks at the same time. He generally monopolizes talk during a meal if he is interested. If bored, he squirms restlessly in oppressive silence, alarming to dinner partner or hostess. But his quick smile always wins forgiveness.

He seldom sees the press. He made an exception for one United States correspondent, with whom he talked for 30 minutes off the record, and the subsequent uproar from the Empire Press representatives in London caused him to grant an off-record luncheon for all.

His secretaries are almost as inaccessible as Mr. Churchill himself, for they respect his wishes and fear his displeasure.

Although as a professional journalist he has written about many personalities, he dislikes personality items about himself.

As for hobbies which might lighten his day, he has none in wartime unless war strategy could be called a hobby. It has been his lifetime interest.

He showed much talent as a lad in playing with toy soldiers that his father sent him to Sandhurst, Britain's West Point, as the first step in the fabulous Churchill career as soldier, war correspondent, historian and statesman.

Watchnight Services

Watchnight services will be held tonight in the following city churches:

St. John's, 11.30.
Metropolitan United, 11.15.
St. Andrew's Cathedral, 11.30
Emmanuel Baptist, 11.
St. Alban's, 11.15.
Central Baptist, 11.
S. A. Citadel, 11.
S. A. Victoria West, 11.
Church of Our Lord, 11.30.
Oaklands Gospel Hall, 11.
Redfern Gospel Hall, 8.

Reeve Honored

WEST VANCOUVER, B.C. (CP)—J. B. Leyland, retiring reeve of West Vancouver, was presented with a gold watch and a \$250 war savings bond last night in the municipal hall.

MONTREAL (CP)—Bar gold in London was unchanged at \$17.54 an ounce in Canadian funds; 168 in British, representing the Bank of England's buying price. The fixed \$13 Washington price amounted to \$18.50 in Canadian.

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